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We'll miss you, Bobby Gene Trousdale

## Two Stories of Success in Faith and Courage

by B.J. Trousdale

*(Editor's note: CPN member/employee B.J. Trousdale, who is the current president of the Tecumseh, Oklahoma High School Alumni Association, wrote this inspiring story for the latest edition of the association's newspaper. We appreciate B.J.'s allowing the HowNiKan to excerpt most of it here as a tribute to B.J.'s dad, Bob Trousdale. We all lost a tremendous friend and the kindest, wittiest person any of us ever met when, on May 3, Bob walked on to culminate an 18-month battle with esophageal cancer.)*

What makes a man successful? What members of our (Tecumseh High School) alumni are we most proud of? Is it the businessman now CEO of a large, profitable corporation? Is it the doctor who has dedicated his life to caring for others?

Maybe it's the alum who has settled in a huge metropolitan city and whose entrepreneurial spirit has catapulted her to fame, or maybe it's members of our military who have risked their lives to protect ours.

Names of individual classmates or those



seniors voted the "Most Likely to Succeed" may come to mind. Each one of us might have a different perspective on what makes a person successful, but if you grew up in a small community like Tecumseh and have matured in your life, you probably think of success more in terms of what you have contributed in life rather than what you



*At left, Bob Trousdale relaxes during the opening of his Styles Salon in Shawnee in the early 1990s. At right, he poses outside the Roundhouse during the 1997 CPN Pow Wow.*

have earned throughout your life.

Success, to many of us, is not necessarily about the paycheck you bring home or the career to which you are so dedicated. It's not about the degrees you've obtained or the recognition or awards you've received over the course of your life. Sure, all those things are important and things we can be proud of or try to attain, but that's not really what makes a person successful.

So, how do you gauge success? In my mind, it's what's left when all those material things, like bank accounts, titles, and belongings, are all stripped away. Who are we at our core if we don't have things like this to impress others, prove we're worthy, or even fool ourselves about our own personal "successes"?

In reality, the most successful graduates of Tecumseh High School are the ones who have lived a life of integrity, a life of service, and a life of love. There are countless

*See BOB TROUSDALE on page 24*



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# Walking On

**Morris Leroy 'Butch' Long**



Morris Leroy 'Butch' Long, 66, walked on into Heaven on Sunday, January 31, 2010. He was born on August 9, 1943 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. He was a Native American, a Citizen Potawatomi descendant. Butch served in the United States

Navy from 1960 to 1963, and was stationed on the aircraft carrier the USS Hornet. He was retired as a Pipe Superintendent.

Butch was a true outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, golf, and hunting (and a special thanks to his brother-in-law Lloyd Gosey who accompanied him on his last hunting trip). He was dedicated to his Labradors, the faithful Skeeter and Shadow, and of course the famous parrot, River. An occasional pleasure of the casinos was a favorite during his visits for family reunions in Oklahoma. He cherished the loving relationship with his daughter and mostly his beautiful granddaughters, along with his parents and brothers and sisters. He will be truly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 17 years, Hilda Quijas Long; parents, Frank and Deloris Long of Newkirk, Oklahoma; daughters, Cassandra (Alex) Caldwell of Corpus Christi, Texas and Terry Long of Farmersville, Texas; his stepson, Lorenzo Forge of Corpus Christi, Texas; sisters, Tanya Ballinger and Glenna Bevenue of Newkirk, Oklahoma; brothers, Frank Long, Jr. of Copan, Oklahoma and his wife Paula, Doug Long of Newkirk, Oklahoma, and Danny Long of Shawnee, Oklahoma and his wife Stephanie; two granddaughters,

Angel and Emileigh Caldwell of Corpus Christi, Texas; father-in-law, Manuel E. Quijas of Corpus Christi, Texas; aunts, Doris Watson of Glenpool, Oklahoma and Lois Caldwell of Pearland, Texas; uncle, Benny Keith of Tulsa, Oklahoma and his wife Donna. He especially loved all his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law from the Quijas Family, and he had numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family received friends on Friday, February 5, 2010 at Guardian Funeral Home chapel from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Guardian Funeral home Chapel. Pallbearers were Rocky Marez, Alex Caldwell, Frank 'Skeeter' Long III, Danny Long, Doug Long, and Lorenzo Forge.

**Maxine (Moore) Dickinson**



Mackie Dickinson went to be with our Lord and Savior on March 25, 2010. Family members received friends on Sunday March 28 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Havenbrook Funeral Home. A celebration of her life was held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 29 at St. Stephens Methodist Church in Norman, Oklahoma. Services were under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home.

Mackie, the daughter of Lillian and George Moore, was born on January 22, 1922 in Norman. She was one of five children. Mackie graduated from Norman High School and later met and married the love

of her life, Glenn Dickinson, in December of 1942. Mackie and Glenn had a son, Gary, and twin girls, Jane and Janet. She was a loving mother and homemaker.

Throughout her life, Mackie always had a smile for everyone she met. She had a strong will and a determination to live life to the fullest. She was a 26-year survivor of bladder cancer. She was especially proud of her Citizen Potawatomi heritage, descending from the Darling family line. In her younger years, she was an accomplished bowler. She was a caring person loved by all those who knew her and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Mackie is survived by a son, Gary Dickinson, who was the loving caregiver; he enriched her life beyond words. She is also survived by twin daughters, Jane Dickinson and Janet McMurray, along with her husband, Richard; grandchildren Kelsey McMurray, Ryan McMurray and his wife, Krissy, Will Davis and his wife, Emily, and Mollie Davis; great-grandchildren Kaitlyn, Chloe, and Gavin, children of Will and Emily; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks go to Dr. Lisa Connery, Dava, and Kim of Dr. Connery's clinic, and Dr. Bob Dow for their care and encouragement. Also a special thank you to Claudia Fields for her tender care with Mackie even in difficult times.

Donations may be made in Mackie's memory to the American Cancer Society, 2420 Springer Drive, Norman, OK 73069, or the American Heart Association, 5700 N. Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Send condolences online at [www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com/Obituaries.htm](http://www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com/Obituaries.htm).

**Mary Cottman**

Mary Cottman, age 70, of Mena, Arkansas walked on on Sunday, March 28, 2010 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She was born on September 23, 1939 in Mena, the daughter of the late Harley Smith and the late Lucille Salodean Smith.

Mary was united in marriage to Bobby Cottman. Mrs. Cottman owned and operated the T-Shirt Barn for many years. She was a member of the Mena Optimist Club

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ment followed in the Concord Cemetery in Ink under the direction of the Beasley-Wood Funeral Home.

Visitation with family and friends was on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Beasley-Wood Funeral Home. The online obituary can be found at [www.beasleywoodfuneralhome.com](http://www.beasleywoodfuneralhome.com).

#### Mary Lou Post



**SHAWNEE, Okla.** — Shawnee resident Mary Lou Post, 79, was born on July 3, 1930 in Artesia, N.M., and went home to the Lord on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

Around the age of three, she and her family moved to Shawnee, to be closer to her grandparents. In 1936, because of the depression, her parents and siblings moved to Sacred Heart tribal land. Because she was of school age, Mary Lou remained in Shawnee and lived with her grandmother Oretta Bourbonnais Jenks.

Her grandmother was actively involved in the historical society and tribal history. Through this Mary Lou learned that her great-grandparents, Mary and Antoine Bourbonnais, had been among the first settlers in Oklahoma Territory. She was proud of the fact that her family had built the very first church, the Friends Mission, which still stands on Citizen Potawatomi tribal land in Shawnee. This led to Mary Lou's lifelong fascination and involvement with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

At the age of 21, she married Jim Post at Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee on Friday the 13th of July 1952. Together they

had four daughters - Patty, Penny, Cindy, and Cathy - who were the pride and joy of her life. Mary Lou was a fabulous seamstress, and made clothes for her daughters throughout their lives.

At the age of 46, Mary Lou post became a grandmother. While she was not fond of the title "Grandma," she was thrilled when she affectionately became "Moo" to everyone who knew her.

Mary Lou retired from her position as a credit manager at Sears after 23 years with the company. Then, she became a full-time mother and grandmother and the number #1 wife in Pottawatomie County (according to her husband).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Arrabelle Jenks; daughter, Cynthia Lou Post; brother, Carlisle Jenks; and grandson John Patrick McClung.

"Moo" is survived by her loving family, husband Jim Post; daughters, Patty Buckmaster and her husband Dennis, Penny Coates and her husband Andrew, and Cathy Stephens; grandchildren, Jeff Buckmaster and his wife Krissy, Jarrod Buckmaster, Jacob Buckmaster and his wife Scarlett, Joey Buckmaster and his wife Vanessa, Elizabeth Knight and her husband Reed, Emily Nowlin and her husband Chris, Jim McClung and his wife MaryJo, Brad Stephens, Tanner Stephens, Cara Coates, and Andrea Coates; great-grandchildren, Anna, Walker, Kylan, Cole, Dom, Alexis, Ryne, Adam, Brock, and Violet; sister, Oretta Stringer; and sister-in-law, Kay Jenks.

Mary Lou Post's family was at Walker Funeral Service from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 23 for visitation. A funeral services was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Wright officiating. Burial followed at Tecumseh Cemetery. Services were conducted by Walker Funeral Service of Shawnee.

#### Murieldean Marie "Dean" Laxton

**SAINT LOUIS, Okla.** — Murieldean Marie "Dean" Laxton was born Sept. 27, 1937 in Grandpa's (Nick Vieux's) log cabin in St. Louis, Oklahoma in Pottawatomie County, the daughter of the late Hubert (Pete) Silas and Ines Marie (Vieux) Silas Brinlee. She went peacefully to be with her Lord on Monday, May 10, 2010.

A proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee and St.



Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas, she had lived in Victoria, Texas, for the last 12 years. She is a housewife and wonderful loving mother and a very loving big sister.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Laxton was preceded in death by a sister, Connie Darlene Wood; two brothers, Kenneth Ray Silas and Carol Wilton Silas; and Uncle Charlie Vieux.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Laxton; son, Lendell Laxton and his wife Brenda; daughter, Donna Laxton Tidwell and her companion, Les Manning of Victoria, Texas; a brother, Roy Silas of Tecumseh; sisters, Patricia Hargus and her husband Ronnie Hargus, Sue Milburn, and Delta Silas of Shawnee; grandsons, Bryan Laxton and his wife Rebecca and Cody Tidwell; great-grandson, Braylin Laxton all of Victoria; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Viewing was held at Cooper Funeral Home in Tecumseh on Friday, May 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, at the Laxton Family Cemetery, Sen Ko Kwe Gate in St. Louis, under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

Please vote for Vice Chairman Linda Capps  
She is vital to our government  
Please vote for Rande Payne for District #6  
He is the best man for the job  
Please vote for Mark Johnson for District #7  
He is the best man for the job  
John 'Rocky' Barrett, Tribal Chairman

and the First Presbyterian Church in Mena. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, niece, and friend.

Survivors are her sons, Doug Cottman and his wife Marietta of Mena and Bill Cottman of Mena; five grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, and a special uncle, B. G. Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Cottman; her parents, Harley and Lucille Smith; and her brother, Johnny Smith.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010 in the Beasley-Wood Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Mark Lyle, Brother Dendin Guinn, and Brother Raymond Isom officiating. Inter-



# James McClung graduates at Ft. Rucker

## CPN member earns Black Hawk 'copter wings



*Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Aaron McClung, his mother Penny Coates, stepfather Andrew Coates, and grandfather Jim Post celebrate McClung's flight school graduation.*

Ft. Rucker Army Aviation Center in Enterprise, Alabama was the scene as Citizen Potawatomi Nation member/Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Aaron McClung received his Black Hawk helicopter wings on March 17, 2010. Jim is the grandson of Shawnee, Oklahoma residents Jim and the late Mary Lou Post. Jim's mother Penny Coates and his stepfather Andrew also reside in Shawnee. Jim McClung is a descendant of Mary Anne Anderson and Antoine Bourbonnais. Penny Coates is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, and is the manger of FireLake Gifts in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

Jim is on active duty, having served since 2004 in the United States Army. He attended Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona. It was during this time that he decided to enlist in the U.S. Army.

Jim graduated basic training from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was Master of Ceremonies at that graduation. He then went on to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, where he was an honor Graduate of the . He graduated as a Military Intelligence Systems Maintainer and Integrator course.

Jim was then assigned to the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion at Good Fellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. He served in that capacity until being accepted as a Warrant Officer School candidate. Jim graduated as a Warrant Officer 1 on Febru-

ary 20, 2008, at which point he started flight school. During that training, was selected to fly the UH-60 Blackhawk.

Near the end of his training, Jim was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2. He is now the pilot of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. The UH-60 Black Hawk is a four-bladed, twin-engine, medium-lift utility helicopter manufactured by Sikorsky Aircraft. Sikorsky submitted the S-70 design for the United States Army's Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System (UTTAS) competition in 1972. The Army designated the prototype as the YUH-60A and selected the Black Hawk as the winner of the program in 1976, after a fly-off competition with the Boeing Vertol YUH-61. The UH-60A entered service with the Army in 1979, to replace the UH-1 Iroquois as the Army's tactical transport helicopter.

Chief James McClung is assigned to the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. He and his wife, MaryJo, reside in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Attending the graduation ceremony were WWII veteran and Jim McClung's grandfather, Jim Post of Shawnee; his mother and stepfather, Penny and Andrew Coates; his father, Gary McClung of Monroe, Louisiana; his sisters Elizabeth Knight of Duncan, Oklahoma and Emily Nowlin of Henderson, Nevada; and his uncle, Raymond McClung of Wake Village, Texas.

## Mark A. Johnson

For Legislator, District #7

A proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Vieux Family.

One of the most important things you will ever do, is to exercise your right to be heard, to cast your vote in our tribal election process. So this year when you mark your ballot, I would be honored, if you trusted me with your vote.



### What do you want in a District Legislator?

Ask yourself that question this spring when you mark your absentee ballot, or in June when you vote in person at the family festival. If you are like me, you want answers when you have a question. If you are like me, you may want some help and guidance when you have a problem. If you are like me, you may need some help accessing benefits that are available to you. If you are like me, please consider casting your vote for me.

I have spent the last 30 years in public service as a Firefighter, currently holding the rank of Battalion Chief with The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). And the last 18 years along with my wife Rita, as a successful business owner in the private sector with a company we started, Gear 911 Specialties. My experience will be used not only to serve members who reside in District 7, but to work in a Co-operative spirit for the betterment of the Nation.

### The challenges are great, but so are the opportunities.

Not only will we protect the seed corn, we will continue to grow more for our future , our children's future and the future of the Nation.

**Health Care** - we need to ensure that our members and their available benefits are protected in the coming months as we learn what the National Heath Care program means to tribal governments.

**Sovereign Rights** - We need to stand shoulder to shoulder against outside governments who would like to fix their financial problems, at our expense.

Educational Scholarships, Housing Grants for closing costs, Health Aids, are all important programs to members of District 7 and they must be protected and expanded when the time is right.

**Honor**

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Feel free to contact me with your thoughts. Mark@Gear911.com  
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**Professionalism**

**Vote for Mark A. Johnson - District #7**



## TAUC, Interior Dept. Sign Cooperative Agreement To Address Skilled Labor Needs on Tribal Lands

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** – The assistant director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Employment and Training Program is a signatory to what is described as a historic agreement to provide Native American workers where they are needed on billions of dollars worth of pending federal government construction in Indian Country.

The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC) has signed a cooperative agreement with the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), part of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. The agreement is designed to provide crucial new careers for Native Americans and Native Alaskans in the construction industry and to expand work opportunities for union contractors at the same time.

For decades, many Native American tribes have struggled with some of the highest poverty and unemployment rates in the country. Their tribal lands contain many natural resources, and several large-scale energy and industrial projects have been forecast. The locations of these potential projects are often so remote that standard pools of labor will not be sufficient to provide all of the necessary manpower. At the same time, there are a lot of hardworking people on tribal lands who want a chance to develop their talents and abilities.

The agreement, which is the first between a contractor association and IEED, will allow both groups to work hand-in-hand with tribal governments and the building trades to enhance training opportunities for residents of these areas. In fact, several international unions have already started apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs on tribal lands to increase the pool of skilled labor.

Specifically, the TAUC-IEED pact includes the following: TAUC will recommend that its member contractors who are working on or near tribal lands allow tribal members who meet the necessary skill and safety requirements to be hired first; when there is a lack of skilled journey workers available from tribal lands, TAUC will recommend that its member contractors work closely with the international unions and arrange for the immediate training of tribal members as pre-apprentices; tribal members with specialized skills who meet the



*Left to right: Margaret Zientek of Citizen Potawatomi Nation; TAUC President Bob Santillo of McCarl's Inc.; Lynn Forcia, IEED.*

necessary qualifications may be tested and, upon successful completion, be made an apprentice or journey person; and before any tribal members are hired, they must receive proper safety training and jobsite orientation.

IEED and TAUC, in conjunction with its 2,500 member contractors, will select a potential pilot project to implement the cooperative agreement. The project will be determined based on the interest of the contractor, tribe, and affiliated building trade union that would be willing to undertake such an initiative.

"This is indeed a historic occasion," said Lynn Forcia, Chief of the Division of Workforce Development within IEED. "There are billions of dollars of projects on tribal lands anticipated in the near future. A crucial part of this initiative is to ensure that there's a highly skilled workforce of American Indians and Alaska natives where the jobs will take place."

"Some tribes are glad to celebrate 25% unemployment, but most have more like 50% to 75% unemployment on their reservations," added Margaret Zientek of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Employment and Training Program. "Native Americans are able and ready and willing to work, but they can't find work. It makes natural sense to work together as partners to help fulfill your need for workers and our need for jobs."

"TAUC has always strived to build mutually beneficial relationships with other organizations," said TAUC President Robert Santillo. "Synergy is crucial to the long-term success of any industry, and union construction is no exception. I'm very excited about this new partnership with IEED and the building trades."

## VOTE SLAVIN DISTRICT 8

**These photos represent my connections with CPN members of District 8 and members in Oklahoma.**



Fort Vancouver, Washington and Mt. Hood, Oregon

**First, the sunrise over Mt. Hood and Fort Vancouver says I am home. Our needs are diverse and our backgrounds deserve assistance designed for our region.**

**The sunset a few miles east of CPN headquarters says this was one-time my home. I grew up in Oklahoma and relate to events that created today's tribe.**

**Our memories of our families are valuable. I desire to preserve them.**



Sunset Shawnee, Oklahoma

**The last photo is of one of our founding fathers, James Slavin, his wife, a son, and grandchildren. My grandmother, Dellie is holding my brother, Paul. Cousin Kenneth is in the middle. Uncle Frank is holding me. A memory preserved.**



The grandfathers and the grandmothers are in the children; teach them well.  
(Ojibway)

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*Sims, Vanderburg families thankful to escape injury*

## Tornadoes Smash CPN families' homes; CPN, churches, friends quick to assist

When tornadoes dipped from the black Pottawatomie County skies on May 10, they made a beeline for the homes of CPN members Marsha Sims and her daughter Kimberly Vanderburg. They live in the area between Shawnee's Twin Lakes, about five miles west of the CPN administration building.

Sims and husband Bill and Vanderburg, husband John, and son Marshall escaped all harm, riding out the storm in Sims' father (CPN elder Kenneth Peltier's) cellar a mile or so away.

But, Sims' and Vanderburg's homes were not so fortunate. Only a portion of Vanderburg's home's skeleton remained standing. Sims' mobile home, located about 300 yards east of Vanderburg's two-story house, was lifted off its slab and slammed down and slammed down about 100 feet away.

Personal possessions from both homes lay strewn around the metal foundation of Sims' mobile home. A week following the



tornado and while the *HowNiKan* was at the site shooting photos and conducting interviews, four-year-old Marshall Vanderburg found his mattress. It had been carried from his bedroom and deposited among his grandparents' belongings. Excited to find the mattress, Marshall spent some time bounding around on it.

One especially heartbreaking loss for the Simses was the damage to a very nice 1957 Pontiac Star Chief they had invested two-and-a-half years of love and painstaking work in returning to near-new condition. Similarly, the many trophies they had won in restored-car competitions were mostly smashed and broken.

But, the important message from the storms was summed up in the victims' recognizing that these were, both literally and figuratively, storm clouds with silver linings. Marsha Sims said that was made plain to her when she saw all the people who leapt to the families' assistance. The evening of the tornado, CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps visited with the Simses and Vanderburgs, making arrangements for food, temporary housing, and other necessities. Since the storm, members of Sims' home church, Dale Church of Christ, and of nearby Lakeview Church of Christ have spent countless hours helping find salvageable items, stack decorative rock from the exterior of Vanderburg's house, and perform other chores that must be done as order is re-inserted into the families' lives.

Of riding the storm out in the cellar, Marsha Simms said, "Just knowing we were there with my dad, my stepmom, my kids,

## Re-elect Vice Chairman Linda Capps VOTE "CAPPS" FOR SUCCESS

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice Chairman these past 20 years. Please consider the success of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the following areas:

- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ Growth of the Nation     | ✓ Services for Families       |
| ✓ Governmental Improvement | ✓ Improved Health Services    |
| ✓ Added Employment         | ✓ Improved Cultural Awareness |
| ✓ Language Enhancement     | ✓ Respect in the Community    |
| ✓ Economic Development     | ✓ Professional Environment    |

I believe that my leadership in conjunction with my capable colleagues has been instrumental in spearheading our Nation's success. I care about the families of our tribal members. I promote sharing the prosperity of our efforts with our tribal members in regards to health, culture, and services. I desire that our children and grandchildren have a brighter future because of their membership in this great Nation.

I humbly request that you vote for me either by absentee ballot or by walk-in vote on June 26 at tribal headquarters. I also encourage you to vote "yes" for the judges and for the annual budget. In addition, I urge those who live in Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 to vote in their respective elections. Please cast your vote for the future of The Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



Visit my Website  
at [www.LindaCapps.com](http://www.LindaCapps.com)  
to learn more

## Vote for Linda Capps - Vice Chairman





*In the photo at left, only the 'skeleton' of Kimberly Vanderburg's home remains standing, mute testimony to the power of a tornado. Above, CPN elder Kenneth Peltier rests on his walking stick as he surveys the little that is left of his daughter's and granddaughter's homes. At right, the '57 Star Chief the Sims were restoring sits, battered and bruised. At center right, Marshall Vanderburg bounces on his mattress, found among the debris from his mother's and grandmother's homes. Below right, the appliances and most of the cabinets in the Vanderburgs' home did survive.*

and my grandkids (helped me) feel more relaxed. We were all there; we were going to be safe."

Kenneth Peltier echoed his daughter's feelings. "It was a sight to see them come down in that cellar and to get settled in a safe place," he said. "As they came in, that tornado was following them."

Discussing the aftermath, Sims said, "The Potawatomis have helped us tremendously by providing us a place to stay, for the time-being. And, our churches – the Dale Church of Christ and Lakeview – along with our friends are the main thing that keeps us together ... and our faith."

Sims said that, each day, friends, acquaintances, and members of the churches have asked if there would be an opportunity to help that day.



She said the two families will likely rebuild near where their destroyed homes stood. Being near each other and the quality of life on the lake are just too important to abandon.

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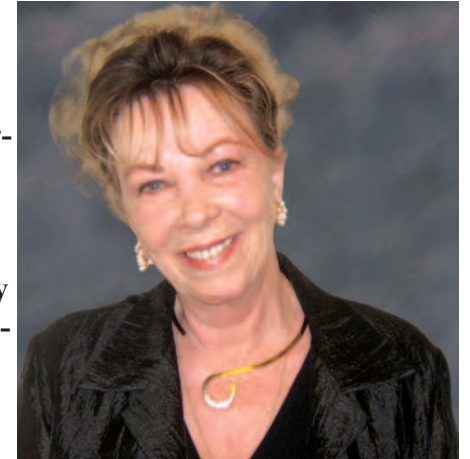
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## RE-ELECT EUNICE IMOGENE LAMBERT

LEGISLATOR - District #5

- Legislator (2 years)
- Regional Director (9 years)
- Arizona Native American Business
- Alternate Delegate, Native American Congress (2009)
- Certified Hotel Administrator (1989)
- Licensed (Scottsdale Community College) Instructor Hotel Management - (1989 to 1993)
- Ordained Minister (1997)
- Foster Care License (2009)



Served on the Arizona Small Business Council, Maricopa County Youth Committee, Maricopa County Fair Board, Foster Care Board, C.A.S.A. (Court-appointed spokesperson for children who are a ward of the court), Business Owner (Personnel). Worked with political figures such as Senator Dennis DeConcini, Gov. Bruce Babbitt, Gov. Arthur A. Lind (prior Congressman), U. S. Senator Burdick

**LET ME CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU**

## Vote for Rande Payne District #6 Representative

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Character
- Professionalism

It is my honor to run for the office of District #6 Representative. It is a decision that was not made hastily. Much thought, prayer, research, networking, and planning were done.

It is important to me that I have the full support of my family and closest friends. I believe that now, more than ever, our Tribe is in need of leaders who support the mission and vision of our great Nation. I am thankful for the work that is being done to insure our economic independence and social advancement.

With the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's long list of thriving enterprises and more and more programs to serve our people, it will become increasingly important that we are good stewards of our resources. I am no stranger to hard work and I am very comfortable with putting the needs of others before my own. I ask that you allow me to serve as your District #6 Representative. **Please vote!**

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**Vote for Rande Payne - District #6 Representative**  
(Southern California & Southern Nevada)





## CPN member earns way to National BPA competition

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member and Welch, Oklahoma High School student Brittne Tipton competed at the state level in the Business Professionals of America competition held in Okmulgee, Oklahoma in March 2010. Brittne placed fifth in her field of Desktop Publishing. The fifth-place finish earned Brittne a trip to BPA National competition in Anaheim, California in May, where she competed with thousands of other BPA students from across the United States.

Brittne is the daughter of Richard Tipton, a CPN member, the granddaughter of the late Robert G. Tipton Sr., and the great-granddaughter of the late Ruth Wesselhoft Tipton. Brittne would like to thank Denette Summerlin of the CPN administration team for her generous contribution toward making the trip to California possible. Without the donation, Brittne would not have been able to travel to California to compete.



*Brittne Tipton*

### VOTE THIS JUNE FOR

#### CHUCK GOYER - The *"best qualified candidate"* District #6

*Now* is the time for me to share my abilities and years of experience with our tribal members. *Now* is the time our tribe needs someone uniquely qualified to address the business and cultural concerns of our people! With the education and valuable experiences gained through many years of participating in our tribal community, I pledge to foster and protect the future growth and continued security of our tribal members' assets. As the next **Legislator for District #6**, I am proud to offer my time, knowledge, and experience to help advance tribal benefits in our region. Please make sure to request your absentee ballot ASAP and more importantly remember to:

#### VOTE FOR CHUCK GOYER DISTRICT #6!

As an active member of our great nation, I have been able to enjoy many of the benefits offered by our Tribe. The list below, is just a small example of the goals I've achieved and the life-changing experiences enjoyed through the years that will benefit our people.

- Masters Degree in Tribal Gaming Management
- 5 years as Regional Director of Southern California and Southern Nevada
- Board member: San Diego County Board of Indian Organizations
- Participant: Potawatomi Language conference (5 years)
- Gathering of Nations Participant (5 years), forming relationships with tribal leaders from around the United States and Canada

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call 760-888-7144 or e-mail at [chuck@threefeathersgaming.com](mailto:chuck@threefeathersgaming.com). Or visit my Website at [www.threefeathersgaming.com](http://www.threefeathersgaming.com) where education and consulting services concerning TRIBAL GAMING MANAGEMENT and BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION topics are offered at no cost to Native American tribes.

### Chi-Migwetch, Chuck "Bonse" Goyer

*The "best qualified candidate" for Legislator, District #6*



*To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at [herb39h@yalornet.com](mailto:herb39h@yalornet.com).*

## Happy 100th, Lucille



On Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Purcell, Oklahoma, Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Lucille Williams Ray celebrated her 100th birthday, surrounded by family members and friends. In the top photo, Mrs. Ray holds a beautiful rose bouquet presented by her 97-year-old brother, Bill Williams, who is seated alongside her in the photo at bottom left. In the third photo, Mrs. Ray's nephew, Billy Williams, drapes a shawl, donated by the CPN, around his aunt's shoulders.



# CPN Cultural Heritage Center & FireLake Giftshop

## Archival Notebook

R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist

The Archival Notebook is an informative look into the collections of the Cultural Heritage Center's (CHC) Tribal Archive and Research Division. Within the newsletter, we discuss documented accounts of prominent Potawatomis, collections and artifacts within our holdings, and other areas of historical interest. Readers will have the opportunity to delve into the Tribe's past and discover their Potawatomi heritage.

*"I would rather have lost my life. Had I returned from battle without my gun, I should have been disgraced; but had I died with my face toward my enemy, my young men would have said that Metea died like a brave."* – Metea

Metea was a prominent warrior and distinguished speaker among the Indiana and Illinois Potawatomis. His village was located in northeast Indiana on the St. Joseph River, near present-day Cedarville. He regularly served as principal orator for the Tribe at treaty negotiations, and his name can be found among the 44 treaties made between the United States and Potawatomi.

As a warrior, Metea was instrumental in numerous campaigns against the encroaching Americans. He was an active leader during the War of 1812 and a valued lieutenant to Tecumseh [Shawnee]. Among the many battles he commanded was the August 15, 1812 Battle of Fort Dearborn, later to become Chicago, Illinois. His reputation as a fierce warrior was represented visibly by numerous scars and a debilitated arm. While Metea was scouting U.S. General William Henry Harrison's army near Fort Wayne, Indiana, his arm was shattered by a sentry's bullet.

Incapacitated as a warrior, Metea honed his strength and abilities as a speaker. He was known as an uncompromising and advantageous delegate for the Potawatomis and neighboring native nations. Attending the 1814 Treaty of Greenville, Metea, along with Potawatomi leaders Topinbee and Five Medals, negotiated for peaceful resolutions to end the War of 1812 and its



aftereffects.

During treaty negotiations at the 1821 Treaty of Chicago, Metea was delegated as a spokesman for the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Odawa nations. His speech illustrated the truths for which he fought and which he supported:

*"My Father, a long time has passed since we first came on our lands; and our people have all sunk into their graves. They had*

*sense. We are all young and foolish, and do not wish to do anything that they would not approve, were they living. We are fearful we shall offend their spirits if we sell our land and we are fearful we shall offend you if we do not sell them. This has caused us a great perplexity of thought, because we have counseled among ourselves and do not know how we can part*

*with the land.*

*"My Father, our country was given us by the Great Spirit, who gave it to us to hunt upon, and to make down our beds upon when we die. And he would never forgive us should we bargain it away. When you first spoke to us of lands at St. Mary's, we said we had a little, and agreed to sell you a piece of it; but we told you we could part with no more. Now you ask us again! You are never satisfied!"* - Metea

Metea continued his fight against cultural upheaval until his death at Fort Wayne in October 1827. His death is not fully accountable, but many sources state that he ingested a bottle of nitric acid, believing it was whiskey. Others believe he was intentionally poisoned because of his unyielding position against land cessions and forced emigration.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to share your heritage through donation and/or loan, please contact R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist at 405-878-5830, ext. 7120 or via e-mail at [bnorton@potawatomi.org](mailto:bnorton@potawatomi.org).

## Thank You Letter

Dear Citizen Potawatomi Nation,

My name is Gale Smith. I am the daughter of Mary (Melott) Powell. I would like to thank you for all the help and support in obtaining my bachelor's degree. I graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from St. Gregory's University.

Thank you Tribal Rolls, Employment and Training, and Housing for all the hard work, help, and financial support. I feel blessed to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which invests in the future and education of its people.

Again, thank you Citizen Potawatomi Nation for your contributions and support.

Sincerely,

Gale Smith

Shawnee, Oklahoma



## District #8 Drum-Making Session



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1. The drum-making nears completion.
2. An enjoyable day concludes with a final song.
3. Jessie Lucas teaches about the flute.
4. Drum-making lessons included instruction in facing the drum.
5. Gina Sinclair, a Cherokee Nation member, performed on the flute.

### Attention California and Nevada Members

Please vote for Vice Chairman Linda Capps

She is vital to our government

Please vote for Rande Payne for District #6

He is the best man for the job

Please vote for Mark Johnson for District #7

He is the best man for the job

John 'Rocky' Barrett, Tribal Chairman

## CPN Housing Authority

### HOME-OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority plans to purchase 13 homes with our federal Recovery Act funds. We will also offer a sizable mortgage buy-down.

This is a limited program.

These homes will be near the CPN tribal complex and its enterprises. The homes will also be in a price range that makes them affordable.

To be eligible for these homes the applicant must be:

- 1) enrolled in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
- 2) within HUD's current income-limit guidelines.
- 3) making application to purchase the home as the occupant's primary residence.
- 4) credit-worthy, according to the application guidelines of First National Bank & Trust of Shawnee.
- 5) free of any felony conviction which includes all household members.

The tribal member's total household income must qualify at the time of application and at the time of purchase.

For more information or an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager, CPN Housing, at 273-2833 or at [SByers@Potawatomi.org](mailto:SByers@Potawatomi.org).



## Library Musings

### So You Think You have it Bad.....

I didn't know if I would be able to get a column finished this month, but here goes. I suffered a stroke in the airport as I was about to go home to Illinois on a working vacation. The clot was in the brain stem and it wiped out my right side in what has proved to be a temporary thing.

Priscilla Mullin Sherrard often told me; "Jerry, you need to start writing this stuff down because you never know what's going to happen." Well, I guess she was right.

This episode reminds me of the "Teachers Lounge" some years ago (maybe six or seven). I had just had 18 inches of a cancerous colon removed, and a completely impacted gall bladder with a gall stone shaped like the CSS (Confederate States Ship) submarine "Hunley." That sucker is about three and a half inches long by one inch thick with a conning tower rising one and one half inches above the body of the boat.

They took the gall bladder out, cut it open, and removed the stone. Before they could do these two procedures, they performed a routine colonoscopy and stress test, and tried to infuse five units of blood (they got four in before the tubes plugged up). The nurse panicked and disappeared. I had to unplug my IV and go to the nurses station to contact the supervising nurse, who replaced all the tubes and got the transfusion running again.

Eventually, after 15 days, I was stabilized, operated on, and told that I could go home. I went home, rested for the weekend, and reported back to school to take my class off the substitute's hands, with an album of photos of what I went through in the previous two weeks. The diet for that fifteen days was one cup of broth (chicken once, then beef, then chicken again), tea, and Jell-O. I lost 87 pounds, but I don't recommend the diet. But, enough of that!



*Jerry W. Lewis*

My latest experiences are with Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. The people in the intensive care unit (ICU) took me in, stabilized me, and told me that I was actually going through my third stroke. They passed me on to the intermediate care unit, which scared me quite a bit.

However, I survived one day of that and went to the rehabilitation unit.

By the time this column went to press, I was walking and talking, again, to show all ya'll around the Cultural Heritage Center. I cannot say enough good about the hospital staff here and the way I have been treated, including the staff member who ratted me out for violating safety rules by going for walks with assistance. Of course that's probably my fault for not keeping my big mouth shut and for bragging about my recovery progress.

So, I guess the diagnosis, at this time, is, my brain doesn't work like everyone else's. It doesn't look like I'll have much diminished capacity in that area. One of my little friends told me her mom she had a small aneurism and was able to use it for a year. Every time someone in the family upset her, she would grab her head and they would settle back.

To the staff member who thought she

saw slurred speech before the stroke, it was due to my new partial dental plate, not the onset of this paralyzing stroke.

Anyway, this hasn't been too bad. I missed the opportunity to gather some more information on Potawatomi students at the Choctaw Academy in Kentucky (1830-1840), but I've been there before, and those who know me know that I have a plan B.

I had an interesting conversation with Annie, a nurse her who is married to an Osage. We were discussing "head rights," blood quantum, and her children. We understood what we were talking about but Heather the therapist did not. She is a born-Oklahoman, and I pointed out that it was a blot on her education and a shame that she was ignorant of the meaning of our conversation, but that it wasn't her fault that she was not taught about these things in all of her years in Oklahoma schools. This type of ignorance is appalling, but understand-

able.

I wish the Potawatomi public understood more about "(holding) land in severalty, eminent domain, and title in fee simple." They are powerful tools which can be very useful to us, now and in the future.

I may be down right now, but, I'm not out. I thought this out and wrote it down. I'm not particularly fond of having other people trying to do what I should be doing, especially when they run over my semi-paralyzed diabetic foot, but I have little choice right now.

I'll see your problem, raise it by a few of mine, and hope you have the guts to call, because as Kipling says, "If you gather all your winnings and gamble it all on one game of 'pitch and toss' and lose, never to count the loss, then you are a MAN, my son."

'Til the next time – Nswemakek.

## The Senior Citizens Network

The Senior Support Network, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Health Representatives, and the CPN Clinic are excited about the upcoming Family Reunion Festival and The Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations, in late June and early August, respectively. They are preparing a special gift to give at these celebrations, with help from CPN elders. They are gathering elders' favorite Potawatomi recipes, giving elders credit for them. Look for collections of these recipes at Festival and Gathering.

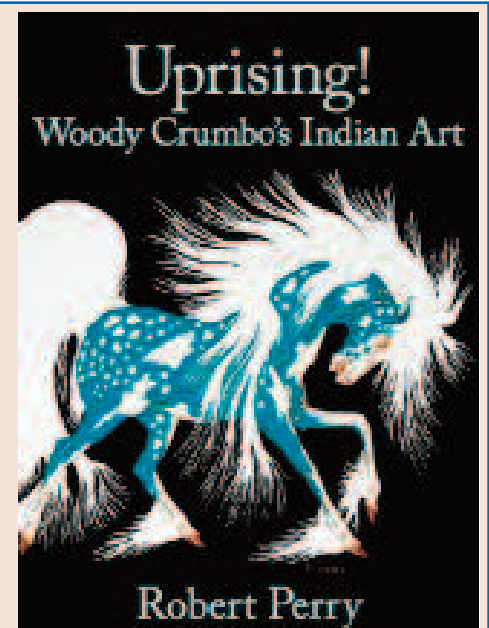
Thelma Campbell, RN - E-Mail: [tcampbell@potawatomi.org](mailto:tcampbell@potawatomi.org)

### BOOK-SIGNING Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art By Robert Perry

**2010 Family Reunion Festival**  
Friday, June 25, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
CPN Cultural Heritage Center  
Long Room

Book is available at  
FireLake Gifts for \$30.00

Any questions, contact Cindy Stewart  
800-880-9880 - 405-878-5830  
[CStewart@Potawatomi.org](mailto:CStewart@Potawatomi.org)





**2010 CPN Family Reunion Festival Family Interview Schedule**

**FRIDAY JUNE 25**  
8:00am to 5:30pm All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

**SATURDAY JUNE 26**

**TRIBAL HERITAGE 2010 HONORED FAMILY INTERVIEWS**


STATION 1		STATION 2	
CRUMBO	8:00am - 9:45am	CLARDY	
FRAPP	10:00am - 11:45am	KHADOT	
MULLER	12:00pm - 1:45pm	JUNEAU	
PAPPAN	2:00pm - 3:00pm	PAPPAN	

**SUNDAY JUNE 27**  
8:00am to 12:30pm All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

**ELECT THOM FINKS DISTRICT 7**

**EXPERIENCE**

- District 7 Legislator - 2 Yrs.
- Northern CA/NV Regional Director - 9 yrs.
- Computer Business owner - 15 yrs.
- Radio Show Host - 10 yrs.
- Church Treasurer - 3 yrs.
- Director Downtown Bus. Assoc
- Local Service Clubs and volunteer work
- Volkswagen of America 20+ yrs - Masters Award Parts and Service



My sincere wish is to honor my tribe, my ancestors and the members in District 7. Inter-communication amongst tribal members and their representative is of the utmost importance. Please visit (y)our website.

Legislative matters will be better communicated via website or email now that I have a partial contact list for members who attended our Regional Meeting.

I believe that tribal benefits can be expanded on a national level for consumer goods and services and intend to propose this to committee.

**Vote with your heart but most importantly—VOTE!**

**CPNDISTRICT7.COM**

# Re-Elect Dave Carney District 8 Representative

And continue the progress we've made!

**Endorsed across the district!**

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## Community Development Corporation

### Credit Repair

**Do you examine your personal credit report at least once a year?**

**Do you know your credit score?**

**Do you have a strategy for raising your credit score?**

If you answered yes to all of these questions, Congratulations! You are most likely well on your way to being financially sound. If you answered no to any or all of these questions, the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, CPCDC, is here to help.

Some people might wonder why there is so much emphasis placed on a credit score. The answer is simple: the higher your credit score, the more money you will save over a lifetime. Not only does your credit score determine your loan interest rate, but insurance companies base your premiums on your credit score and some employers will look at the credit record of potential employees and consider that a character reference. Does your credit report say what you want to portray to your future employers?

Similar to baking a cake, credit has several ingredients that formulate your score:

1). **35% = Payment history.** The longer on-time payments are reported the higher your score.

2). **30% = Amounts owed.** Creditors want to see that you are not dependant on credit; therefore, you only want to use a portion of your available credit. A good rule of thumb is to only use up to 30% to 50% of your available credit.

3). **15% = Length of history.** As long as there are no fees associated with your older accounts and the terms are favorable to your lifestyle, you might want to consider leaving older accounts open for the credit history. Remember, when you close an account, you will most likely lose all that history within seven years.

4). **10% = New credit.** New credit seldom helps your score. However, too many new accounts in a small amount of time can lower your score. If you want to purchase several items on credit, you might consider spacing those items over several months, if not a couple of years. Better yet, you could open a savings account and make the payment to yourself until you can make your purchase with cash, thus eliminating the

need for using credit and paying any interest or fees.

5). **10% = Types of credit used.** Creditors like to see that you can handle a variety of accounts. If you have three credit cards, you have only proven you can juggle unsecured debt. However, if you have a mortgage, an auto loan, and a credit card, this would reflect more favorably as you will have demonstrated you can handle different types of credit.

Since it is the vision of the CPCDC to “**Enhance Financial Futures,**” we now have three certified credit counselors on staff to serve the people of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Credit counseling sessions are free and are completely confidential. Also, we will prepare and send dispute letters, help you negotiate any collections, and help you devise a score-raising strategy.

The experts say that you must have at least two open items reporting monthly to the credit bureaus. One of these items could be a mortgage, car loan, or credit card, but as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, you are eligible for the Credit-Builder Loan. This loan works as a prepaid loan does but reports monthly to the bureaus. The coordinator of the Credit-Builders Loan Program, Felecia Freeman, said, “One client’s score was raised more than 80 points over one year as a direct result of working this program.”

You can choose a Credit-Builders loan amount of between \$200 and \$1000, and you may take six to 18 months to prepay. After you make your last payment, a check for the amount of the loan will be made payable to you.

It is the mission of the CPCDC to promote, educate, and inspire the entrepreneurial growth and financial well-being of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Community through financial education, access to capital, business development services, and innovative capacity building strategies. If you would like to take advantage of any of the CPCDC programs, please call 405-878-4697.



## Family Reunion Festival 2010



*Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and their families are preparing for yet another grand time at Family Reunion Festival 2010. This year's dates are June 25 through 27. The honored families this year are Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo, and Muller. A schedule of events is available on the Nation's Website, [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org). And, please remember that the CPN will host the 2010 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations - August 5 through 7.*

### Michael Carter/Jijak

for CPN District #5 – [Mike-Carter.net](http://Mike-Carter.net)

Bozho,

I am writing to you today to ask for your vote for the CPN District #5 legislative seat. I believe I would be a valued addition to the tribal legislature. I hope to continue to build on the progress our tribe has made in recent years through the leadership of my friends, Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Our tribe has seen much growth.

However, with growth come more complex issues and more pressure on tribal leadership to manage those issues effectively. I have studied tribal law extensively. This includes the federal laws and regulations affecting almost every area of tribal economic development.

I attended law school at Arizona State University. I chose ASU for its renowned Indian law program. Most of the legal work I have performed has involved Native American issues, and I earned my law school's Indian Legal Program certificate.

I am currently a prosecutor for the Gila River Indian Community. I handle adult criminal matters in every stage of the prosecutorial process, from arraignment through trial and any potential appeal. Domestic violence is a worldwide epidemic, but is especially wide-spread on Indian reservations, and Gila River is no exception. Working as a prosecutor has given me the opportunity to help those who need it most, particularly since many of the cases I handle involve domestic violence.

I have also worked for the Office of Tribal Justice within the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. I assisted the Department and the U.S. Attorneys' offices with many pressing Indian law issues. I have also worked for the Phoenix-based law firm of Bledsoe Downes and Rosier. The firm represents tribes and tribal entities in areas including gaming, contracts, employment, and environmental issues.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve our tribe as a legislator and contribute my knowledge and experience to continue our tribe's positive advancement. Thank you for your consideration.

Migwetch, Michael Carter

**Vote Michael Carter**





# Legislative Columns

## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

The executive board - Chairman Rocky Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale - have been very busy conducting Tribal Area Gatherings since December. This has been an arduous task, especially when coupled with their regular weekly schedules. I'm sure they are glad it is about to come to an end for 2010.

District #1 has now completed two of our three scheduled meetings. The first, here in Kansas City, was held on March 13. It was a great success and well-attended. We shared the second with District #2 in Washington, D.C. It, too, was a great success. I always look forward to this one because the Washington/Arlington area is such a great place to visit. The final District #1 area gathering was held in Naperville, Illinois on Saturday, May 8. AS I write, I am also looking forward to this one because there are lots of Slavins in that area.

It turns out that these gatherings are a good time to schedule naming ceremonies; the person being named is close to home and usually has lots of family in attendance. We had namings scheduled to coincide with the Washington meeting. They were held at the Shenandoah River Park, a very beautiful, secluded location. If you have not received your name, I encourage you to do so. It is a very rewarding, meaningful experience. If you are interested in getting your name, please let me know. I can help you with the details.

District #1 held a ribbon-work class instructed by Peggy Kinder and a beading class instructed by Jerrald Brauca on April 17. Both were well-attended and very successful. If you are interested in attending classes of this nature, please let me know. We can schedule future classes.

I am so looking forward to the Family Reunion Festival this year in June. Each year, it seems to get better. If you have never attended a Festival, I encourage you to do so. I can promise you will not be disappointed.

Last year, District #1's hand-game team (Nenjen Chikaswen Wedasejek - Hand-Game Braves) came in second in the com-



petition. We will have a team again this year, and we will be aiming for first place.

Also, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the host nation for the "Gathering of Potawatomi Nations" in August. This is another event you should attend if at all possible. Language will be the central theme for this year's gathering.

The Tecumseh County Wide & Shawnee Sun newspaper has unveiled its list of the Ten Most Influential People in Potawatomi County, Oklahoma. Our Chairman, John 'Rocky' Barrett, is #4 on the list. This is the second consecutive appearance Chairman Barrett has made on this list of people considered leaders by their peers. Congratulations, Chairman Barrett.

On a similar note, Vice Chairman Linda Capps was inducted into the Gordon Cooper Technology Center Hall of fame. We, "The Citizen Potawatomi Nation," are extremely fortunate to have these two leaders as Chairman and vice Chairman of our Nation.

I will end this article as I always do by saying that, if you have not been receiving e-mail or regular mail from me, it is because I do not have your contact information. If that is the case, please send your e-mail or snail mail address to rslavin@potawatomi.org or District #1, 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151. Migwetch,  
Roy Slavin, Legislator, District #1

## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikan/Hello friends,

It was great to read e-mails and letters from a number of you who are using your CPN identification cards! The winning entry was from Stella Malone of Orlando, Florida. We had a lovely visit by phone when I called to let her know she was the winner. Stella reminded me that we had met when I was one of the candidates participating in the Meet the Candidates Forum in Orlando in late 2007. She has been an active participant in District #2 from the beginning! I was delighted to hear back from her after she received her prize, a Pendleton blanket, and to learn how beautiful she thought it was. Here is Stella's entry:

*I use my CPN ID card for many things that want a picture ID. When I use it, I really find people are interested in the fact that I am a Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian. I really enjoy all the comments at the Blood Bank. I need to donate one (1) more pint to make fourteen (14) gallons ... Not too bad for an 81-year-old. - Stella LaClaire Hackler Malone, Orlando, Florida*

*Stella Malone poses with the Pendleton*



*blanket she won in the Photo ID Contest.*

Among the other highlight entries were:  
*I used my CPN ID card to gain access to the National Archives when I was searching for my Potawatomi ancestors. My grandmother had just died, so I was feeling pretty cut-off from my Potawatomi heritage. Using the card helped me feel more connected. A lot of the information I found was*



*duplicated in the information packet the CPN sent me, but it was very interesting to be able to find my ancestors in their vast library! I spent hours poring over the information. I highly recommend a visit! - Vivian Crayton, Chevy Chase, Maryland*

*I have used my ID card many times, but the time I best remember was at the Crazy Horse Monument. We were going in to see the monument and the gateman told us what the charge would be. I asked if Native Americans got a price break. He said, "Yes, if you can prove you are Native American." I pulled out my ID card, and we got in free. As we were going in, he said, "You sure don't look like an Indian." We enjoyed the experience, thanks to my Potawatomi ID card. - Bill Rhodd, Laurel Fork, Virginia*

*When my grandson Conor was born last year, I flew up that day to get to know him. I rented a car and decided to spend the night at the hospital with my daughter Meredith and new grandson, to help. I got to the hospital after-hours and had to show my ID to clear hospital security. For some reason, I could not find my driver's license, so I pulled out my tribal ID card and presented it. He was amazed that I had a picture ID card from my Native American tribal government. It turns out that he is Cherokee, although he was not active in his tribe. We had a long, very interesting conversation about our Native American backgrounds, and he did let me pass. I never have trouble finding my driver's license,*



and it was in my purse all the time. If I had found it right away, I would have missed out on that wonderful conversation. - Kathy Upchurch, Atlanta, GA

I pulled out my CPN ID card and tried to use it for photo identification on a recent Christmas-time plane trip to San Antonio Texas... The look on the face of the security check-in person when she read the CPN identification was priceless. She obviously had never encountered an identification card that was obviously American in nature but Indian in type. Next was a look of confusion and, as she called for a supervisor to get directions on what to do next, accept or deny me boarding, I assured her that the CPN photo identification card was real, valid, and supported by the U.S. Government and our Great White Father Obama. At this point, my wife saw the supervisor starting to approach, and with the line getting longer behind us, told me to quit messing with the security person and show my cotton-picking North Carolina driver's license so we could board the airplane. I did, and we passed through security; but I still wonder if anyone has ever informed Homeland Security that a Tribal ID is valid identification. As totally dysfunctional as the government of our Great White Father is, I seriously doubt it. I still laugh every time I think about this event, but I probably will not try this again. - Joe (Melot) Cagle, Bermuda Run, NC

The difficulty of traveling these days lies not only in what you "might" be carrying (Could it be drugs? Are you a terrorist?) but also in the first-glance judgment of what you appear to be. I suppose at a glance I would look like a typical California blond, although my Potawatomi heritage is very deeply rooted in me. My husband is French which means that I am able to choose which nationality - French or American - I profess to be when I travel to another country. During one trip back to the USA, I arrived at the TWA check-in counter in Paris and decided to show my French passport. But, (even) after years of being in France, I still have my American accent. So, I was asked for a second piece of ID. For a moment, I thought about pulling out my U.S. passport, but then proudly handed over, out of my very French Louis Vuitton bag (was that not proof enough I was French?), my Citizen Potawatomi Nation ID Card. Photo, ID number, record of descendancy, all there. The ID was an immediate hit, and it took

me to the front of the line, no more questions asked. I am 100% Potawatomi and my grandson and great-grandsons are as well. -- Wendy Higbee Carando, France

I hope these accounts will inspire you to obtain a CPN ID card soon, either by mail or by attending one of the upcoming CPN events at which cards are available if you are willing to pose for Chuck Clark or one of his team. Go to the CPN Website at [www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Roll/s/default.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Roll/s/default.aspx), and click on "Download an ID Request Form" to get an ID by mail.

On another topic, I hope you might be able to come to either the Family Reunion Festival June 25-27 or the Gathering of Nations (all the Potawatomi tribes, and we are hosting this year) on August 6th and 7th. These will be memorable events! If you do attend, please look me up; I will have access to e-mail, so please e-mail me at [evamariocarney@gmail.com](mailto:evamariocarney@gmail.com) so we can meet up (just briefly; I won't keep you from family, friends, and hand games!).

About those hand games: Is anyone in District #2 up for forming a District #2 team to participate in the Hand Games on the Friday night of the late-June Reunion Festival? If so, please contact me. You will take home "cash" if the team wins; ask members of the District #1 team, who may be the team to beat this year!

Language Director Justin Neely has begun sending weekly e-mails with Potawatomi phrases, coupled with audio of Justin pronouncing them. If you want me to forward these on to you by e-mail please let me know. About a dozen folks are receiving these regularly already and seem pleased with this way of learning our language.

Please please please, send me your e-mail address or call or write me with your contact details. The Legislators are NOT given access to the Nation's database of citizen names and addresses! This has surprised most everyone in District #2 who has learned it - but it is the case! Out of concern for your privacy, the contact details are not released to us. The Nation has solicited your contact details for us Legislators through a clip-and-return request printed in the *HowNiKan*, and that's how I know about some of you. Otherwise, we are gathering these ourselves, from folks who reach out to us and let us know they are willing to receive e-mails or calls from their Legislators. I hope you are willing to hear from me periodically about District #2 events and CPN initiatives. If so, please let me

know today.

I hope that you will encourage any and all of your family members to provide their information to me, too. It's the way we are building community and the means to have your questions answered and any concerns or ideas addressed.

Migwetch/thank you and bama mine/until next time,

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho Nikan,

During the last few weeks, I have been receiving and forwarding lots of information about jobs, scholarships, language items with audio MP3 attachments, a naming ceremony in the Dallas area, and pow wows, just to name a few.

In most cases, time is critical. That doesn't allow me to send it in for publishing in my monthly column.

I have e-mail addresses for less than five percent of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who reside in district #3. Many of you have most likely seen other district representatives asking for their constituents to send them their e-mail address. We are no different in District #3, and I want to get information out to you.

I have found someone to do a ribbon-work class for us and am working on getting a beadwork class set up also. The instructor will be coming from out-of-town, so we must be sure the participation justifies having her come here. My ultimate plan is to hold each class at least twice - first in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex and, if we have the demand, a second set of classes in southern Texas.

An announcement will go out via e-mail since the lead time will be short. I need your support in having enough interest to hold the classes. So please send your email contact to me at: [CPN3Legislator@Yahoo.com](mailto:CPN3Legislator@Yahoo.com).

On April 17, District #1 had a ribbon-work class. From what I have heard, it was a tremendous success. We are certain that District #3 has many who would love to have this experience in learning more about our culture and how to make their own regalia.

As a side note, Family Reunion Festival will coming along soon. It is on the last weekend in June and normally there is a naming ceremony on Saturday morning during the annual event. If you plan to be



there and desire to receive your Potawatomi name, contact me for the proper protocol and other information needed for this ceremony.

For those who can't get to Family Festival, if there is enough interest, we may be able to schedule naming ceremonies later this year in an area near you. Possible sites might be the Dallas area, the Houston area, the Austin/San Antonio area, or maybe the Amarillo area.

I look forward to hearing from you and again, I am here to help you with information about events, possible jobs, and scholarships that come to me with short lead times. I'm here to serve you well and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and made it through the tax season OK this year. It is early May as I write this article, so that is fresh on my mind.

A friend gave me some information to pass on to all of you. It is about the Kansas KIDS matching grant program. This is part of the Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program. The State of Kansas, which includes all of District #4, has a program limited to 1,200 participants - 300 from each Kansas' four congressional districts. Beginning in 2010, one matching grant of up to \$600.00 is available for each beneficiary. The eligible account owner must be a resident of the Kansas and must live in a household with a total 2009 Federal Adjusted Gross Income that is less than 200% of the federal poverty level. To give you some idea of the income, a family of four can earn as much as \$44,100 and still qualify. Our CPN scholarship is great, but sometimes does not cover all education costs. If you think you might qualify, check out [www.KansasStateTreasurer.com](http://www.KansasStateTreasurer.com) for information details and an application.

This is also graduation time, and I would like to congratulate all those CPN scholarship recipients who are completing their formal education. I know these are tough economic times but I know you can do it. I have a cousin whose husband lost a job recently while she was pregnant (she was still employed). She did not know what they were going to do. It wasn't until she mentioned this that I remembered I too had a husband unemployed while I was pregnant several years ago. But, the difference in my



story is that I did not have a job either. These are no tougher times now than your parents or I lived through, and those times are just a memory, now. Remember, it is not where you were educated but what you do with your education that counts.

It is just about time for Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee. I can not say enough times that you must go to Shawnee at least once. I know if you go once you will return. I hope to meet many of you there.

Also remember, I continue to look for artists to teach classes at my office in Topeka. If you have a group that would like me to come and teach ribbonwork or beading, please let me know. I will do my best to accommodate.

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## District #5 - Gene Lambert

Bozho,

It is that time again and hopefully you have already sent for your absentee ballot if you do not plan to attend the festival this year. I do hope to see all of you there.

This is the first re-election for our District #5, and Linda Capps is running for re-election as Vice Chairman. There are also legislative elections in District Nos. 6 and 7 in California and District #8 in the Upper Northwest U.S.

As I announced in January, I am running for re-election for a first full four-year term.

We had some legislators who had to run again after a month or two to get the sequence in line, insuring staggered re-election. You don't want everyone running at the same time. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation needs to have some sense of continuity and stability in our leadership as the process does continue even when it is election time.

We have so few who have taken the time to vote in the past. It is time to step up and be heard, the only way is through your vote. So please drop that request in the mail and regardless of whom you are supporting ... **VOTE!!**

There is no difference in the necessity to speak up in the Potawatomi Nation than there is in the vote for senatorial or congressional seats or President of the United States, for that matter.

There is power in numbers. If you have a thousand signatures regarding an issue, you can bet your state and federal government representatives will listen. There is no doubt that that is also true for us.

Whatever is to come from this election, I want you all to know that it has been my pleasure to serve you for 11 years, first, as your Regional Director for nine years and the two years I have spent in the CPN Legislature. It will take time to make the changes we are aspiring to. Let me continue our path in support of Chairman Rocky Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps. They have a heart for all the people. They work hard and have put together something we can all be proud of.



The professional, spiritual, ceremonial and human support is there for us all. Let's keep it!!

Migwetch,  
Gene Lambert,  
Legislator, District #5

## District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

Well, it's May but you wouldn't know it in Northern California. Snow still fell last week not too far from where we live and it has been generally cool but, gladly, the snowpack is 154% of normal! No drought issues this year!

We had a great turnout at the Napa, California Tribal Area Gathering. Approximately 200 people attended, with one tribal member from Tennessee! It was wonderful to visit with friends and family.

Many families were represented, and I was happy to make acquaintance with members of the Muller family who now have a Website for family members to visit and leave messages for one another. It's at [www.cpnmullerfamily.org](http://www.cpnmullerfamily.org).

There was a great deal of interest in our history, and Chairman Rocky Barrett shared much information. He has promised to make DVDs available for people who request them, and there is a good deal of information on the Potawatomi Nation Website. Additionally, I stumbled on some good information in Wikipedia ([www.Wikipedia.com](http://www.Wikipedia.com)). So, this is another resource you can check out.

During the Gold Rush, in typical Potawatomi form, we initiated a wagon train enterprise for people traveling west. For those of us in the gold country, who knows - maybe your friends' or neighbors'



ancestors got here on one of those wagon trains.

Some of the families represented at the Tribal Area Gathering were: Pappan, Shepard, Pedifer, Nadeau, Brant, Ogee, Rhodd, Wilmet, Vieux, Nearn, Tessier, Muller, Peltier, Burns, Neddeau, Crumbo, Slavin, Scully, Melot, Bourassa, descendants of Anna Hardin, Clardy, Laframboise, and Kennedy. If I have forgotten or misspelled, it is not intentional, and I apologize. I have gotten a copy of the sign-in sheets and will be able to update contacts. Please don't hesitate to call me in the meantime.

The Chairman also noted how well all tribal enterprises are doing and gave us his



glimpse into the future. We are contemplating building a 247-room hotel at the FireLake Grand Casino site, which should support itself. Also in the plans are expanding the Nation's food stores into Wanette and McCloud and upgrading to a 375-space RV Park and a 40-room hotel, which will be centered near FireLake Casino and FireLake Discount Foods.

There is a car-sale program developing to help people with transportation and Reverse Mortgages are in the works. As always, there's a lot going on.

These are excerpts from (y)our Website at [www.cpnndistrict7.com](http://www.cpnndistrict7.com). Remember to visit often and if you have something to give away, please let me know so I can post it.

I was contacted by a tribal member regarding Health Aids. As a reminder, if you were born before 1972, you can apply for up to \$750 for health aids such as glasses, crowns, hearing aids, wheelchairs, etc. If you are over 65, remember that the tribe pays for all prescription drugs. If you have questions about any of these items, please

call me or e-mail me at [tfinks@potawatomi.org](mailto:tfinks@potawatomi.org).

Computer tip of the month: Windows 7 is a great operating system. Be aware that, if you have peripherals such as printers, scanners, etc. or older versions of software, they might not be compatible with this operating system. Check Microsoft's compatibility page for more info or contact me.

Just some personal information ... I have reinvented my business to mobile services exclusively so I am not at the CPN office every day. Please feel absolutely free to call me at home at 530 887-0773. If you are calling long distance, let me know immediately and I will call you right back.

I have had a few feedback comments regarding the venue for the meeting. If you have any input about the meeting or some of the business proposals the Chairman described, let me know so that I can pass them along to administration.

Migwetch,  
Thom Finks  
Legislator, District #7

## District #8 ~ Dave Carney

Bozho Jayek (Hello, Everyone)-

The May 1 Barbecue and Music Event was great fun with even the unpredictable Pacific Northwest Spring weather cooperating, with sunshine and temperatures flirting with a balmy 60 degrees. We served standard barbecue fare, such as hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as Native foods such as fry-bread and roasted salmon.

Native American music was provided by several performers, but surprisingly started with a spontaneous performance by three attendees, including our own Jerry Whitehead with the drum he crafted at the District #8 drum-making workshop in February.

Gina Sinclair of the Cherokee Nation donned a hand-made tear dress (named from its origins during the Trail of Tears) and played a combination of traditional flute songs and original compositions. Jessie Lucas, a Choctaw who works with the Snoqualmie Tribe, played several songs and shared the story of how he came to play the flute and how he shares his gift with other Native Americans, particularly children. CPN member Alan Hernandez entertained us with a few Potawatomi stories, including a wonderful story about the Great Flood and Eagle's role in repopulating the



earth. As Alan spoke, the gathering was graced with a local eagle circling overhead.

After several performances, we worked on the community pow-wow drum; several people assisted me in stretching the buffalo hide drum heads and tying the elk lacing while others watched, asked questions, and visited. This is a 26-inch diameter and 13.5-inch deep pow wow drum which should

have a big influence on future events in District #8.

At the barbecue event and at our Tribal Area Gathering in Woodinville, I spoke with several members who have been impacted by the current recession by job and/or health insurance loss. As I have since I was elected, I would like to encourage everyone in District #8 who needs health-care to access the Indian Health Service clinics near you. Since October of last year, I have contacted more than 60 facilities and have added their contact information and specific requirements to the Indian Health Services tab on [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com).

I have heard many reasons why a Citizen Potawatomi won't do this – mostly around comfort level and “not looking Indian enough.” Let me tell you, you are as entitled to receive care there as any other person of Native ancestry. Basic healthcare is the very least that the federal government can assist you with as partial compensation for the past.

My latest clinic visit was at a beautiful, 14,000-square-foot wellness center with almost all new equipment in Tokeland, Washington (Gray's Harbor County). This clinic is on the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation. It has a full dental clinic, general medical services with both a physician and physician's assistant, and mental health services. Within a few months, it will have a full pharmacy. The waiting area is adorned with beautiful Pendleton blankets and hand-drums, many of which were gifts donated from the Shoalwater Casino.

The Health Director, Dr. Scott Powell, was very generous with his time and gave my wife Nicole and me a full tour. I had contacted them in October and it was nice to see the facility and meet some of the staff I had spoken to over the phone. The clinic provides services to both Native Americans and the general population. I was encouraged to direct Citizen Potawatomi Nation members to seek treatment at this facility.

I'd like to inform you of a recent devel-

opment - the acquisition of a Citizen Potawatomi Nation flag for the District #8 Office. This flag will be available on a check-in, check-out basis for District #8 members participating in inter-tribal gatherings where flags are respectfully displayed. This idea originated with a call from Terri Boswell of Alaska who participates in an annual Sun Dance with Lakota and Ojibwe who fly their flags during their events. Members of District #8 who have a legitimate need and will attest to the respectful treatment of the flag can contact me, and I will mail it on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact me if you would like to access this resource.

I am planning to coordinate a get-together event in Alaska and an event in Montana this summer. In order to make these events as good as they can be, I would appreciate hearing from you if you live in these states and letting me know what town you live in. If you have an idea of a venue or would be willing to help me coordinate it -even better.

I look forward to seeing you at a future event. However, if I can assist you in some way in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Last, I must remind you that it is election time. I have enjoyed working hard on behalf of our members and ask that you vote for me so that I can build on what I have accomplished in eight months. If you'd like to help make our District strong, please ask for your absentee ballot and vote. If you have not gotten your form to request the ballot or have lost it, please go to my Website and print one (the link is on the front page). Please mail your request soon. It must be received in Oklahoma by June 6th. Migwetch,  
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**Please vote for Vice Chairman Linda Capps**

**She is vital to our government**

**Please vote for Rande Payne for District #6**

**He is the best man for the job**

**Please vote for Mark Johnson for District #7**

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**John 'Rocky' Barrett, Tribal Chairman**



## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

### Potawatomi Leadership Program

My daughter, Holly Wesselhöft, was one of eight students who were the first to graduate from our Nation's Potawatomi Leadership Program in 2003. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience, learned much about her heritage, and credits the program, in part, for enabling her to reach the level of success that she has achieved in a brief duration of time.

### 48 students and Counting

The Potawatomi leadership Program (PLP) has been in existence since 2003. As of 2009, forty-eight students have graduated from the program. According to our publication, "the program is designed as an 'internship' for up to eight students to closely monitor and study the programs and enterprises at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

### Six-Week Program

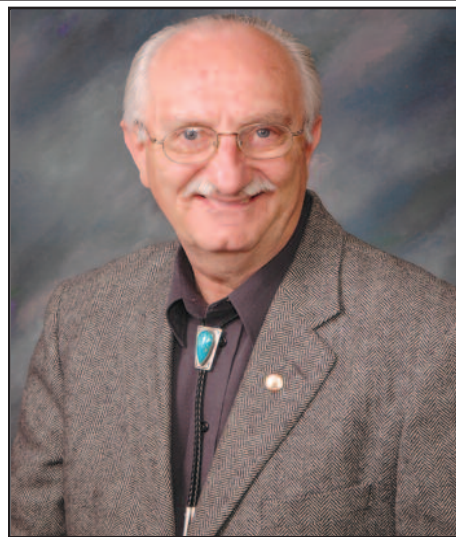
The six-week program enables the students to gather adequate information for them to evaluate future employment possibilities at the Nation's headquarters. In addition, the students have the opportunity to study their own family heritage and that of other Potawatomi families.

Students shadow the language instructors to see how the Potawatomi language is being taught to children and adults across the United States. The program is also designed for students to attend legislative meetings of the tribal government.

An attractive feature of the PLP is the fact that travel, food, housing, local transportation, and health care are provided through the program. Additionally, program participants receive earnings to be applied toward college expenses.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for participation in the PLP, an applicant must be an enrolled member of the CPN, have a current GPA of 3.0



or better, and be preparing to enter his or her senior year in high school or freshman or sophomore year in college.

### Invitation for the PLP

I am proud of my daughter. Holly has a story to tell, just as the other 48 PLP graduates do. Many students of the PLP have gone on to college and found success in their vocations. I invite them to write a letter to the *HowNiKan*; to let us know their stories. We will celebrate them.

### PLP is the Future of our Nation

I also invite all eligible students to apply for the PLP! The 2010 program application deadline has passed, but now is the time for eligible students to begin considering applying and participating in future years.

PLP students are the future of our nation! One day, PLP grads will be the leaders of companies, universities, hospitals, nonprofits, and many other entities. A PLP grad may very well be the future chairman or chairwoman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Please apply! For additional information about the PLP, please call 800-880-9880, extension 1103.

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**John 'Rocky' Barrett, Tribal Chairman**

## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

This has been a very busy year, to say the least. Our Family Reunion Festival is upon us now. I would like to inform you that, this year, we are incorporating into our Festival retirement of American Flags. (The proper way is burning old, tattered flags). If you have an old, worn-out flag and you want it to be retired properly, visit with the CPN Veterans in the Reunion Hall.

So much is being discussed about many issues that I think it is important to know the basis of how they have been established over time. Last month's column was dedicated to the U.S. Flag, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem.

I want to ask you right now to ask: "Why is there a 21-gun salute at military funerals, and why does the honor guard fold the American flag 13 times?"

I hope that most of you members will enjoy reading the columns for reminders and instructional tools to have and explain to your children when you are asked about these subjects.

What about having a national prayer day? What about the Cross in Arizona? What about removing "In God We Trust" from coins? And, was it always on our coins? Do we know what our kids are actually being taught about history of past occurrences, and so on?

Also, allow me to try to explain the CPN legislative districts in Oklahoma. There are none! All five (5) current legislators - Paul Wesselhöft District #9; David Barrett, District #10; Lisa Kraft, District #11; Paul Schmidlkofer, District #12; and Bobbie Bowden District #13 - are all representatives of the whole state of Oklahoma.



It is confusing when you get the ballot. The ballot says to place "OK" where it says "I reside within the boundaries of CPN Legislative District No. \_\_\_." Think of it this way: All Oklahoma legislators are elected by all voting members who live in Oklahoma and represent all members of the Nation. The Executive Branch is elected by all members of the Nation, and the legislators from Districts #1 through #8 are elected by the CPN members who live within their districts but also represent all member of the Nation.

Hopefully all eligible voters will exercise your vote either by absentee ballot or in person during the Family Reunion Festival on June 26.

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## District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho Nikan.

Well, spring has sprung in Oklahoma. We've had our first major storm, and it generated several tornadoes one of which blew right through Tecumseh. I haven't heard of any tribal members that it may have affected. For the most part, the Nation's properties appear to have been missed. If you have been affected and need assistance, please contact administration. Perhaps, there is something the tribe can do to help you.

By the time this goes to print, many of

our high school seniors will have graduated. Congratulations to each and every one of you. Twelve years is a long haul, and I'm glad you made it. For those of you who are planning on continuing your education, now is a good time to be getting in touch with Chuck Clark in Tribal Rolls. He is your contact for the tribal scholarship.

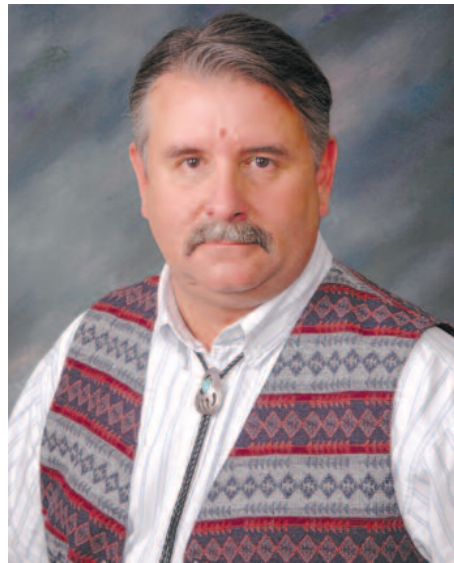
Remember that the primary qualifier is being a tribal member. I've heard many members say over the years they didn't apply because they thought their income would prevent them from qualifying. This



scholarship is not income-based. It is based on membership in the Nation. You need to fill out all the required documents in a timely manner, but that is basically it. With the cost of college these days, everyone should be taking advantage of this benefit. It is funded by tribal enterprise profits.

I have lost a couple more dear friends in recent days. Many of you are aware of the passing of Bob Trousdale. He has been an influence in my life for quite a few years. Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale and I always referred to him as Uncle Bob. He had a great sense of humor that was often shared with us. While I will miss him, I'm glad he is in a better place. Also a dear friend of mine, with whom I've worked with for quite some time, Michael Taylor, has passed away. Most mornings at work started with Michael and me seeing each other and sharing recent news or events. We spent many morning breaks chatting about this and that. I will miss him, also. To both families, I extend my condolences. I pray that their journeys were peaceful.

On May 27, we met as a legislative body again for our quarterly meeting. I hope many of you watched the meeting, either in person or via the internet ([www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)). It is a great opportunity to see your government in action. You will see how much of the Nation is being run and how so much of our funding is generated.



I hope you have gotten your plans in place to be here for the Family Reunion Festival. It's always a good time with lots of activities. I know many of you are already picking members for hand-games again teams this year. I always have a great time at them and think many of you do, also. Get your regalia dusted off and ready to go. Each year, the grand entry gets bigger and bigger. I so enjoy seeing all of you out in the dance ring.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and this great Nation. Bama pi, Migwetch!  
Paul Schmidtkofer  
Legislator, District #12

## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

### Indian Health Care Improvement Act as amended by The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148 enacted on March 23, 2010)

While I am not on the tribal Health and Human Services Committee, my mind is certainly spinning around the newly-enacted health care reform law titled "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" and its revisions to and permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). Why is this on my mind? Because our Tribally-Operated Health Programs (TOHP) are substantially funded through our negotiated Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) compact and annual funding agreement (AFA) with Indian Health Service (IHS). And regardless of political persuasion, this new law creates substantial opportunity for our tribal nation.

Let me also say that I am not an expert in this area nor do I purport to fully understand the contents and ramifications of the 2,400-page bill. What I do know is that tribes have long sought many of these provisions and now prospects abound for tribal legislators to plan for new, improved, and expanded health care services for our members.

The new health reform bill's objectives are still a mystery to most, but one of the more publicized ones is making health insurance more accessible and affordable. You have probably heard that nearly all Americans will now be responsible for acquiring and maintaining acceptable health insurance coverage by 2014 or face tax penalties. This is true, but did you know that American Indians are exempt from this mandate?

Some of the less-known objectives of the

new law are to boost the American health-care workforce in Indian Country and provide Indians more needed health services:

**Healthcare Professional Shortage** – To address the lack of qualified professional healthcare providers in Indian Country, more funding has been authorized to allow for health-related educational loan repayment, new licensing/certifications stipends, and other scholarships to attract and transition healthcare providers into Indian health programs, including community health representatives and emergency medical technicians. Limitations on postdoctoral training programs are also eliminated. If you are currently paying on a school loan for a health-related degree, you may now be eligible to get assistance from the federal government in paying it off (<http://www.lrp.nih.gov/>).

Another push is for the recruitment of Indians into the psychology and behavioral health fields. Oklahoma State University is one of a handful of nationally recognized programs. Please visit <http://psychology.okstate.edu> or e-mail Dr. John Chaney at [aiep@okstate.edu](mailto:aiep@okstate.edu) to learn about enrollment and summer opportunities. The new law increases the number of universities receiving the American Indians into Psychology federal grants from three to nine.

**Cancer Screenings** - According to the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), Indian people have the poorest cancer survival rates among all ethnic groups due to genetics, lack of detection, and lack of timely access to diagnostic and/or treatment methods. American Indian women are also 40% more likely to have kidney and renal cancer than any other ethnic group of American women. Moreover, the mortality rate from cervical cancer is also almost two times greater. The new health bill expands preventive services for both women and men to cover screenings for cervical cancer and colon cancer, as well as prostate and skin cancer. Findings from the American Cancer Society suggest that early detection of cancer saves lives by allowing for early treatment. Before enactment of this law, provision referred only to screening mammography.

**Diabetes** - American Indians die at higher rates of this disease than any other ethnic group of Americans. Again, according to the NIHB and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) findings in 2009, Indians from the ages of 10 to 20 have the highest prevalence of Type 2 diabetes. These are



our children. What if the tribe could begin planning for mobile clinics to conduct screenings, prevention education, and actual dialysis treatments? The new bill supports funding tribal kidney dialysis services and even creating mobile service units to travel to regions where the services are in demand.

**Behavioral Health** – A lack of legal authority to create new programs is one of the reasons services and treatment dollars for behavioral issues are so low in Indian communities. Indians aged 15 to 34 are almost two times more likely to commit suicide than non-Indians. In fact, suicide is the second-leading cause of death among Indians aged 15 to 24. Over one-third of demands on Indian health facilities are related to alcoholism, substance abuse, and mental health. The new law provides more grant money for tribes and encourages more diverse approaches to reaching out to teens long before they run out of hope or turn to drugs to cope. There is also a provision of the law that at least one new inpatient and community-based mental health facility will be designed, constructed, and staffed in each IHS area (two in California).

**Infant Mortality and Maternal Health** – American Indian babies are twice as likely as non-Indian babies to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) according to a 2008 CDC study. The new law authorizes money to promote health and disease prevention. It will allow tribes to go after more grant money to provide prenatal, pregnancy, and infant care and expand programs to educate about fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

Of huge importance is the Maternal, Infant, and Childhood Home-Visiting Program. New appropriations have been made for this program in the amount of \$1.5 bil-



lion. Tribes are now able to apply for grants under Title V of the Social Security Act for home visits to families with young children and expecting children who live in communities at risk for poor maternal and child health to conduct a measureable program that will improve maternal and newborn health and the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Unintentional Injuries** – Injuries are the leading cause of death for Indians aged 15 to 24. This is two to four times higher than any other American population, depending on the Indian community. Injuries sustained by Indians are more likely to result in a 41% reduction in years of living productively. This may be a direct correlation to the high rates of substance abuse and suicide. Health reform measures now allow tribes access to data to create epidemiology centers to track delivery of care for injured patients and better monitor disabilities and behavioral health signs.

These health snapshots provide startling perspective on the new health reform law, and for many reading this column, it is surprising how much the new legislation impacts Indian people. For tribes, it now authorizes Tribally-Owned Health Programs to begin planning for all stages of life for the tribe's members - from pregnancy to hospice and everywhere in between. With respect to the full gamut of new authorizations and soon to be revised/new regulations, appropriated funds, and promulgated opportunities, our tribal nation can begin the process of studying the feasibility of assisted living, long-term care facilities, and even mobile clinics (18-wheel tractor trailers) that can travel to regions to provide cancer screenings, dental services, and quite possibly kidney dialysis.

I mention a few of the key areas of the new health reform bill that will allow our tribal nation to move forward in the protection and well-being of our disabled, aging, and elderly members and their families who want the best life possible for their parents and grandparents:

**Elder/Long-Term Care:** A lack of authority has essentially prevented tribes from creating nursing homes and assisted living centers for the elderly and disabled. The new law authorizes programs for tribal hospice, assisted living, long-term care, and home community-based services. Tribes will now be able to access program funds to allow planning and feasibility studies for

the creation of such centers, and eventually, compact for the actual service dollars. As important, tribes now have the legal authority to directly bill Medicaid and Medicare for these types of services.

**Shared Services for Long-Term Care:** IHS can now include long-term care in IS-DEAA compacts for the delivery of long-term care provided in a facility to Indians. IHS would be allowed to place employees there under the supervision of tribal staff and can subsidize expenses for IHS staff costs. Tribes may now use health-related federal dollars to construct and/or renovate facilities for long-term care where before tribes were limited to using third-party billing or tribal funds rather than compact dollars.

**Payer of Last Resort** – Long sought by Indian Country, this means that, when an Indian beneficiary is covered by another health program, federal, state, or private carrier, and receives services from a Tribally-Owned Health Program, that other program (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance) is required to reimburse the tribe for the services rendered. Before the new law was enacted, IHS long-held that it was the “payer of last resort” and not the tribe. Now tribes have legal provisions that require reimbursement from federal program authorities just as they would with Indian Health Service and without tribes having to honor any IHS offsets or negotiated costs of service which are now prohibited.

**Medicaid Age Limits Lowered and Express Lane Entry** – Medicaid will now be expanded to cover individuals under age 65 whose income is up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) even if they are non-disabled and without children. This also becomes effective in 2014. This means that more Indians will be eligible to enroll in Medicaid. When the individual then receives services at a tribally-operated clinic, the clinic and/or tribe can bill Medicaid directly for the covered services. And effective immediately, tribes which have collected income information from Indian families for delivery of tribal social services can “express lane” the enrollment of these families into Medicaid by making the determination instead of the state's doing so.

**Licensing of Professionals** – This new provision does away with the requirement that all licensed health practitioners in tribally-owned health facilities must be licensed to practice medicine in that

particular state. The IHS has had this authorization in place for a long time but limited tribes to hiring only local health care professionals. This change will allow the tribe to expand its candidate pool and makes the concept of a portable health clinic (18-wheeler) more feasible.

**Facilities and Mobile Stations Demonstration Projects** - \$50 million in new grants has been authorized for the construction of modular health care facilities as a five-year demonstration project. The new law also authorizes \$5 million in mobile health stations to allow tribes to partner with the IHS, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs as end destinations while delivering health services to geographically-dispersed populations of tribal members while en route.

There are many other tribal-friendly provisions to the new law that I simply have no expertise in discussing. To write this column, I relied heavily on the legal overview of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act as amended by The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148 enacted on March 23, 2010) by the legal firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLP. The legal overview was made available at the self-governance conference in Scottsdale, Arizona recently. I also read through the Tribal Self-Governance Website at <http://tribalselfgov.org/> and contents of the National Indian Health Board Website at [www.nihb.org](http://www.nihb.org).

I urge each of you to read the materials found on these Websites and e-mail your district tribal representative to let them know how you rank the following health-care priorities:

- \_\_\_ **Administrative help with enrolling in Medicare or Medicaid**
- \_\_\_ **Finding low-income health coverage through state exchange plans**
- \_\_\_ **Protective Services (elder justice, domestic violence, and/or sexual assault)**
- \_\_\_ **Behavioral Health (suicide prevention, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and/or adolescent abstinence**

**or contraception education)**

- \_\_\_ **Infant mortality and Maternal health**
- \_\_\_ **Mental Health**
- \_\_\_ **Preventative Care or Well-being Services (yearly exams, vaccinations, cold/flu, allergy, etc.)**
- \_\_\_ **Dental services**
- \_\_\_ **Assisted Living Care**
- \_\_\_ **Nursing Home or Long-Term Care (for chronically ill persons who cannot perform at least two daily activities without assistance and lasting longer than 90 days or who might be mentally impaired with diseases such as dementia and Alzheimer's and need constant supervision)**
- \_\_\_ **Hospice**
- \_\_\_ **Cancer Screenings**
- \_\_\_ **Diabetes Prevention Education and/or Treatment (Dialysis)**
- \_\_\_ **Community-based Care/Home health representatives**
- \_\_\_ **Loan repayment and scholarship/stipends information for healthcare professional education and certification/licensing**
- \_\_\_ **Mobile Tribal Clinics delivering services to each region**
- \_\_\_ **Partnerships for tribal clinics on military installations or in veterans facilities**
- \_\_\_ **Prescription drug benefits**

Your input is vital to the direction the tribe will take in applying for new grant money and pursuing new health services. Please e-mail your priorities or make a copy of this list and mail it to your district representative before we meet face-to-face in legislative committees on Monday, June 28, 2010. Thank you for helping set our course.

**PLEASE VOTE  
LINDA CAPPS FOR  
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As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.  
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## District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends),

The last week has found us in full tornado season and spring weather here in Oklahoma. My thoughts and prayers go out to anyone experiencing damage or loss during this time. Please feel free to contact me with any needs due to the storms. I will do my best to get you in touch with the right tribal department or program that might offer any assistance.

I would also like to ask again that you send me your e-mail address. I am continuing to build my contact list so I can send information to you regarding tribal events and news you might find of interest. My e-mail address is BBowden@Potawatomi.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer to coordinate a naming ceremony for you and your family. Receiving your Potawatomi name is an honor and experience I believe you will hold in your heart forever.

June is an extremely busy month for the tribe with the annual festival gathering. Please register as soon as possible. You can register through the Nation's Website:



www.Potawatomi.org. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Please take time to stop by the legislators' tent and say hello!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. God bless each of you.

Migwetch,

Bobbie Bowden

CPN Representative, District #13

## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

As the Nation's Tribal Area Gatherings have come to an end, I must give our legislators and staff a supreme rating for the meetings' success. The meeting sites were planned with population of CPN members, legislative candidates' residences, and available accommodations in mind. Jamie Moucka, Chairman Barrett's administrative assistant, worked diligently to find locations and make arrangements for the Executive branch and the legislative members to attend.

She did a tremendously good job!

Charles Clark of Tribal Rolls Department was on hand at every meeting. His service is a true blessing to our tribal members. I like to think of the meeting concept as touching lives. With this in mind, our meetings touched the lives of approximately 1500 attendees. These numbers represent Potawatomi families composed of tribal members and spouses.

Charles processed approximately 500 tribal ID cards. The ID cards represent many tribal members who might not have had an opportunity to travel to the Nation's



headquarters to have their picture ID card processed. (They can, of course, do this by mail, but the convenience of having it done in person is significant.) Tribal members seldom failed to convey the pride that they felt in having a new tribal identification card. Thank you for showing your appreciation!

Our choices of meeting locations proved

excellent, including several cities that we had not visited before - Napa, California; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Woodinville, Washington; Naperville, Illinois; and Bentonville, Arkansas.

Other locations were more familiar places that we had not visited for several years such as Kansas City, Missouri and Denver, Colorado. The 15-weekend meeting schedule also brought new faces to our out-of-state tribal members. Each meeting, a different member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation staff who is also an enrolled CPN tribal member accompanied us to the meetings. Julie Floyd, Jernda Lawrence, Michelle O'Bright, Karen Phillips, Nicole Sanchez, Czarina Thompson, Jason Greenwalt, Joe LaReau, Daniel LeClaire, Jerry Lewis, Mark Mars, Justin Neely, Mark O'Bannon, and Tracy Peltier are the employees who attended this year. I hope they enjoyed the meetings as much as we enjoyed their attendance. It gave them an opportunity to meet tribal members throughout the USA. What a great opportunity!

As the numbers of our 29,000-plus tribal members continue to grow, we have become a diverse population, with more than 19,000 members who reside outside of Oklahoma. For this reason, I am proud that we have visited so many members within

the outlying districts this year. We all belong to a great Nation and deserve to know about the government and the operations of the Tribe.

As our legislators become more involved with the entire governmental and operational makeup of the Nation, they will continue to serve you as well as visit you. They will be planning Tribal Area Gatherings on their own ... both with and without the attendance of the Executive branch. As tribal members, whether we live in or outside of Oklahoma, we are in store for a bright future with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Meanwhile, as we prepare locally for the Family Reunion Festival on June 25, 26, & 27 and the Potawatomi Gathering of the Nations on August 5, 6, & 7, we are constantly thinking of ways to improve your visit to the Nation. I think you will be very pleased with the recent improvements at our festival grounds. If you have questions or comments about the upcoming events, please contact the Nation at 800-880-9880 and ask for administrative services. I look forward to seeing many of you soon and many more of you within the next year. As always, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,

Linda Capps, Vice Chairman

## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, My Friend),

This year's Heritage Festival promises to be a great one again. The "Reunion Families" this year are:

**Crumbo Pappan Muller Curley Frapp Clardy Kahdot Juneau Acton.**

We have some beautiful new facilities, new easy-access parking, including a close-in handicapped lot and new car-parking on the north side of the creek. There is more expansion of the camping and RV Park with better electrical for your big motor homes. Don't miss it.

You will see some old and new family members, dance, eat, and play. This is your best opportunity to share your Citizen Potawatomi heritage.

There are more activities for the kids, both youngsters and teens, plus some new things for the rest of us. We will have more history, naming ceremony, wedding ceremony, dancing, drumming, singing, and food.



The new facilities have very large overhead fans to keep everyone cooler. There is a new shelter for the miniature golf facility so it is not in the sun, plus some shade for the dancers and people in the bleachers. There will be some new language events



that will give us all a chance to use our language. It is easier to learn if the lessons are fun.

Our Potawatomi culture is a precious thing. Central to it is our language. Our ceremonies all have our language in them. All of you own every ceremony the Potawatomi have had for hundreds of generations. Every Citizen Potawatomi is entitled to know and celebrate these old ways. Please claim this birthright and learn about them so you can pass them on.

Our tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, does not have a “religious elite” – no “medicine men” or “shaman”. The seven ceremonies we use are all based on the Potawatomi Creation Story. Each of you is entitled to learn them and perform them. Our tribe has its own “ways,” just as other tribes do. Some of them are and some are not the same as other tribes use. We have evolved our own traditions at the Heritage Festival – our way to dance and dress and celebrate.

Everyone here is your relative, your blood kin. None of us should be strangers to each other. We can laugh together; eat together, play together, and pray together – just like family. If you have not been to the Heritage Festival for a while, you should come back. Everyone is on their best behavior now. Our people are more kind to each other. No one judges you if you do not know. The ones who know the Citizen Potawatomi ways and the things we do at Heritage Festival are eager to teach others, and very open to questions.

You will notice our people look a lot alike. The family resemblances are very easy to see. As for “looking Indian,” we look just like Citizen Potawatomi Indians. If you want to know what one looks like, go look in the mirror. Each of you who have your tribal membership card, which is a “certificate of tribal citizenship” issued by your tribal government to those who qualify for it under our Constitution and federal law. If you have that card, you are a Citizen

Potawatomi Indian under both our law and federal law - not “part citizen” or “part Indian,” all Indian. Every one of you is 100% Citizen Potawatomi under tribal law and federal law, exclusively, and cannot belong to another. There is no legal term in our Tribe for “blood degree” for citizenship. Except for the use of the old “set-asides” of the Indian Claims Act payments under the 1936 Constitution, it is not part of our laws.

There is no such thing as “blood degree” in our ancient traditions. Our traditional way for thousands of years of being a Potawatomi Indian was to be a member of a Potawatomi family that lived as Potawatomi. If they used the language and shared the culture, history, territory, and government, they were Potawatomi. If they “gave and they got” as Potawatomi, they were. There was no “blood degree” requirement in our 45 families – then or now. Our tradition for thousands of years has always been that our tribe is made up of those who “share the blood of our forefathers,” our kinfolks. The blood you share is not diminished as each new generation is born, it is expanded.

Every enrolled Citizen Potawatomi shares this common history, blood, culture, language, art, music, territory, and government. Each of you has an equal share. As your children are born, they too will have an equal share. The way you preserve that future for them is to vote in the tribal election. Your vote is your obligation, a “pay-back” to your tribe and family. Time is very short. Send in your “request for ballot” form, or get one off our Website, or write one out by hand, or call the Tribe on our 800 number printed in this paper. Just please do it.

Please don’t miss this celebration! The last Saturday in June, come home and visit. It would be a great privilege to thank you in person for the honor of serving as Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch (thank you),  
Keweego/John ‘Rocky’ Barrett

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**If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.**

**I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.**

*C. ‘Rowdy’ Yates*

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## Second Annual CPN Festival T-Shirt Art Contest



**Is there an artist in you?** FireLake Designs is excited to announce the second annual Family Reunion Festival T-shirt art contest. All artwork should be Native American themed. If you submit your creative designs to us, you will have a chance to see it on one of the T-shirts we sell in our Reunion Festival booth.

One person will be selected each year. You can submit your artwork by e-mail or regular mail, or if you live near Shawnee, you can drop it off at the FireLake Designs office at 41707 Hardesty Road, Shawnee, OK 74801 (1/4-mile east from Gordon Cooper Drive).

When submitting your artwork, be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. Please do not send original paintings or any delicate item that you would like returned.

The winner will receive a prize package from FireLake Designs and a \$50.00 CPN gift card that can be used at any of our CPN Enterprises. This contest is open to CPN Tribal Members only. Please contact the staff at FireLake Designs for contest rules.

Entries must arrive at FireLake Designs no later than June 19th to be considered.

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CPN member Jeremy Bennett among recipients**OSU captures unprecedented four Udall awards**

*Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis, left, congratulates OSU Udall Scholar Jeremy Bennett.*

(STILLWATER, OK) -- A remarkable four Morris K. Udall Foundation Scholarships have been awarded Oklahoma State University students this spring. One of the recipients, Jeremy Bennett of Yukon, Oklahoma, is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member. Only 80 students nationwide are selected for this honor.

The remaining OSU student recipients are Alesia Hallmark of Chandler, Oklahoma; Brooke Hill of Hugoton, Kansas; and Lauren White of Idabel, Oklahoma.

"You are models for the rest of our students," OSU President Burns Hargis told the students at a surprise announcement ceremony. "Student success is what OSU is about, and we will point to you when we are out recruiting top students. Your legacy will live on for a long, long time. I also want to congratulate the faculty and staff who have supported these students."

The Udall scholarship provides \$5,000 for educational expenses to outstanding sophomores and juniors who are studying the environment and related fields, or are Native Americans or Alaska Natives in fields related to health care or tribal public policy. The four students will attend the Udall Scholar Orientation Weekend in Tucson, Arizona in August where they will meet the other 2010 Udall Scholars.

The scholarship was created in 1992 to honor Congressman Morris K. Udall of Arizona. For three decades, the congressman fought to preserve and protect the nation's environment, public lands, and natural re-

sources. He also was a champion of tribal self-governing rights for Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

"The enormity of the accomplishment of the students at OSU is almost impossible to comprehend," said Dr. Bob Graalman, director of the OSU Office of Scholar Development and Recognition. "It is unlikely that we'll ever see another competition with this kind of result because of how competitive these programs are."

Graalman said the students' undergraduate research is the key to their accomplishment, and credits their faculty mentors as a "well-kept OSU secret."

The application process includes an 800-word essay on a significant public speech, legislative act, or public policy statement by Congressman Udall and its relationship to their interests or coursework.

**Jeremy Bennett**

Bennett, an environmental science junior and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, was a Udall Congressional Intern last summer and hopes to work in Indian health care. "There are many factors that contribute to obesity among American Indian children, but none more important than failing to educate mothers and teach children the importance of healthy lifestyles in schools," he said.

Bennett believes Native Americans can find a balance between traditions and customs and the world changing around them.

He is the son of Billy Bennett of Yukon and is a 2006 graduate of Yukon High

School.

**Lauren White**

White, an environmental science junior and a graduate of the Oklahoma School of Science and Math, said she would rather be at OSU than anywhere else. She plans to pursue policy and litigation work for a non-profit or government organization that focuses on environmental justice for underrepresented communities and at the same time promotes sustainable business

growth.

**Brooke Hill**

Hill, a psychology junior, has worked in the OSU clinical neuroscience lab for the past two years and hopes to complete a doctorate in clinical psychology specializing in addiction medicine.

**Alesia Hallmark**

Hallmark, a zoology and botany junior, wants to work in a high-risk area like the tropics where conservation is needed.

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#### Registration Due July 2

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1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive

For more information, contact Pam or Kay at 275-3121

**\$15.00 due at registration**

**Camper must have valid Tribal ID or CDIB card in order to be eligible**



**Bob Trousdale, con't from page 1**

numbers of Tecumseh alums who have done this, too many to even name; however, there are two men who exemplify this in their day-to-day lives. This association wants to acknowledge them this year.

Both have been successful in their various fields of expertise and in the separate lives that they have led, and they share a common thread, that of unwavering faith in a loving and gracious God. Whether or not you agree with their beliefs, there is no denying that these two are successful because of the lives they've lived and the impact they have had on others. We consider them successful because of their focus in this life and the source of their strength, despite whatever hand they are dealt.

Bob Trousdale, Class of 1962, and Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, Class of 1982, are among those graduates of Tecumseh High whom the majority of people in this community would consider successful. They've lived their lives very differently in many ways, yet they would both give all the credit and glory to the same God — a God who has blessed them both beyond measure and molded them into the men they are today. Not only has their faith been a vital part of their lives, but their commitment to this community and to their families, both spiritual and immediate, speaks volumes.

Both men hail from a long line of Tecumseh alumni members. Abbot Stasyszen's mother, Gloria Junk-Stasyszen, was a 1942 graduate of THS. Are all of his brothers, including Peter ('68), William ('70), Joe ('72), and Richard ('78), are THS graduates. Abbot Stasyszen was the youngest of the five siblings, another similarity He and Bob Trousdale share.

Bob Trousdale's mother, Ella Mae Trousdale, taught in Tecumseh Public School from 1953 until her retirement in 1972. All of Bob's brothers and sisters, including Gail Trousdale-Hackett ('54), Darrell ('55), Barbara Trousdale-Pope ('58), and Bill ('59), also all graduated from Tecumseh as did Bob's two daughters, many years later in 1994 and 2000. Bob's wife of 40 years, Cherie Trousdale, is also an honorary alumni member after teaching eighteen years in Tecumseh Public Schools.

Bob Trousdale, like Abbot Stasyszen, was voted as a senior favorite as well. However, he was not given the title of Most Likely to Succeed, but rather Cutest and Most Athletic. Bob jokes that these honors

suit him just fine as sports and girls were his primary concerns and favorite pastimes during high school anyway.

Bob was a four sport letterman, lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track. After high school, he attended East Central University and met his committed and loving wife of forty years, Cherie Henley. They were married on December 21, 1969, and later had two daughters, Amanda in 1976 and B.J. in 1982. Bob's marriage and commitment to family has been one of his most notable successes. While I agree that I may be a little biased, I can truly say that he has been the most compassionate, loyal, entertaining, and loving husband and father to his family. His family has always been his first priority after serving God.

Bob's career endeavors have been wide ranging, which is very fitting considering his entrepreneurial spirit and ability to adapt to almost any situation, another success he has conquered. In 1968, after only a few short years in the business, Bob won the US Men's Hairstyling National Championship in Miami Beach while competing against thousands of other stylists. This accomplishment later led him to Europe to compete with the US Men's Hairstyling Team.

In 1979, Bob opened "Trousdale's Institute of Hair Design" in Shawnee, an upscale beauty college and adjacent dress shop, "The Village Shop," which was managed by his wife Cherie and where his mother worked part-time. Bob impacted hundreds of students while teaching there and developed life long relationships with even more clients.

In 1995, being an active tribal member, Bob accepted a position with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as Deputy Administrator. He later helped to develop and direct the Tribal Heritage Project which created educational documentaries on the history of tribal families and most recently he created and directed the Job Pride Program, an initiative to improve employee and customer satisfaction. In June of 2007, Bob's entrepreneurial spirit surfaced once again with the opening of "The Maverick Hotel" in downtown Tecumseh.

While all of these ventures and businesses led to Bob's success, he has never allowed them to take the place of what was even more important to him, a relationship with God and relationships with people in general. Bob is a dedicated member of the



*B.J. and Bob Trousdale share a hug as they pose at a recent event sponsored by the Tecumseh High School Alumni Association.*

Highland Church of Christ where he has served as a deacon and elder for more than twenty years.

It is in this capacity that Bob has been beyond successful. Because of the man that Bob Trousdale has developed into, it has been his faith that has spurred his abilities to touch other peoples' lives. As you well know, Bob never has taken himself too seriously and loves nothing more than making people laugh. You have most likely seen him as master of ceremonies at community events with his partner in crime and best friend for more than fifty years, Bob Stewart. Bob is a master at using humor to bring a smile to a person's face. His knack for putting others at ease, making them feel accepted, and inspiring them to laugh and take a positive approach is one of his greatest contributions.

In August of 2008, Bob was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. After receiving treatments for more than a year, Bob was left with an ultimate and eternal decision to make. After doctors at M.D. Anderson released Bob and after continuing a few more months of treatment in Oklahoma, Bob eventually decided that he was at peace with living a life of quality rather than quantity, and forgoing further treatments to prolong his life.

Not surprisingly, he has consistently maintained a positive attitude throughout his entire battle and never felt a sense of de-

feat or sadness. He has used the entire experience as a springboard to uplift others. In a once in a lifetime opportunity, Bob was asked to sit down for an in-depth interview with his preacher, Kevin Rayner, during a Sunday evening service in November 2009. (If you're interested, a recorded version of the interview is available by calling the Highland Church of Christ at 405-598-3541. A \$3 fee for its production is requested, if possible.)

Faith in the Midst of Adversity chronicled Bob's journey with esophageal cancer and how it has deepened his faith and drawn him closer to those he loves. Bob said in his interview, "Faith just grows. You know you're totally dependent on God and there can't be a better place than that. When you can find peace on this earth, it's when you find that eternal peace with Him and that's what I've chosen to do." In closing the evening, Bob had these words to share, "God is blessing me through each of you. I just love people! And I wish I could do for others what others have done for me." Well, Mr. Trousdale, I think it's safe to say that you have done just that for many of us.

For those who might not know: Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen served as president of St. Gregory's University in Shawnee from 2000 to 2007. At 35, he was the youngest college president in Oklahoma at the time he assumed office.



# Real Estate Services

Your Department of Real Estate Services is located in the northwest corner of the second floor of the First National Bank Building, Suite 204. The staff is in their offices most of the time; however, the duties of several of the staff require them to be away from their desks, from time to time. It is recommend that, if you have business with any particular staff member, you call and set up an appointment. The number is 405-395-0113.

**PROBATES:** The Administrative Law Judge has rendered his decision on the disposition of the trust assets and property of the following person:

• Lester Duane Soelter, dob: 9/7/41  
Contest Period Ends: 4/9/2010

## FEE TO TRUST TRANSACTIONS:

The Skelly property, a one-acre tract directly across from the FireLake Entertainment Center parking lot, was taken into trust in April 2010. The title to the property now reads "owned by the United States of America in Trust for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

**PIPELINE LEASES:** Notice is hereby given to the owners of CP 998 William McLane allotment that a petroleum pipeline lease renewal across this allotment has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a lease period of 20 years starting April 16, 2010. The lessee is Enerfin Resources a Limited Partnership. Bonus payments will be distributed to owner's IIM accounts

about June 10, 2010.

The pipeline lease with BKET Crude, LLC, on CP 900 Madeline Denton allotment will expire shortly. The renewal process is underway with the selection of a contractor to appraise the value of the lease. When the appraisal is completed, DRES staff will enter into negotiations for the lease bonus payment. The payment must subsequently be approved by a majority of the land owners.

## FARMING & GRAZING LEASES:

The process for renewal of the F&G leases which will expire on December 31, 2010 is advancing with the selection of a contractor to provide appraisals. Appraisals are utilized as a basis to establish "fair market

rents" which set the floor under the lease prices. DRES staff will then negotiate to get the best lease terms possible. The F&G lease sale is anticipated to take place in mid-September.

**HUNTING LEASES:** Many allotments are in such a location and such a natural state that they are of limited value for farming and grazing. The Department is considering leasing some of these parcels for hunting purposes in an effort to increase the income from the property. If you have comments on this proposal or if you are an owner in an allotment which you think might bring more revenue as a hunting lease, please contact Gus Porter at 405-395-0113.

## Remains a teacher, role model into her 90s

# Cecelia (Meeks) Jackson honored for preserving Potawatomi language

**MAYETTA, KANSAS** - Cecelia (Meeks) Jackson was honored on May 12 in a ceremonial dinner at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort for her life's work on the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) reservation and for helping to preserve the Potawatomi language. More than 200 people attended the dinner, which was sponsored by the PBP Tribal Council and Language Department. It was a surprise to Jackson, who is in her 90s, and celebrated the occasion with family members and friends.

Jackson has been instrumental for her ability to comprehend and bridge together four languages - Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe, and English - for use in composition. She has played a key role in the development of all PBP Language Department documents and materials that have been created since the department began. Through Jackson's efforts, a Prairie Band Potawatomi dictionary, two audio/video DVD books, and a "Stories of the Potawatomi" book have been written, as well as a grammar book that has recently been published and was presented to her at the dinner by Leo Nadeau of the Language Department.

Former Language Coordinator Laverne Haag delivered the keynote address and said that she had learned a lot from Jackson



*The PBP Language Department: Front row, left to right, Cindy LeClere, Cecelia (Meeks) Jackson and Laverne Haag. Back row, left to right, Billy Matchie, Leo Nadeau, and Larry Berryhill. Not pictured is Olivia Pewamo.*

who, in her opinion, is the last remaining fluent speaker on the Prairie Band reservation. Other members of the Language Department also voiced their appreciation of Jackson, and children from the youth language classes sang a couple of songs in Potawatomi.

In addition, Tribal Council presented

Jackson gifts. Family members also came forth to praise the Potawatomi elder. To conclude the event, the Little Soldier Singers and Drum group performed while members of the audience lined up to individually greet Jackson.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Language and Cultural Department began in 1998

with the mission of revitalizing the Potawatomi language and culture. Backed by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation government, the department was staffed and housed on the lower level of the Firekeepers Elders Center on the reservation. That is where it remains today. Community members, like Jackson, were asked to participate in early meetings to identify key areas that have since evolved into a strategic plan that has helped the Prairie Band Potawatomi people remain strong in their own self-identity.

Through the years, the Language Department has taught classes to children at the Nation's Boys & Girls Club and Ben-notteh Wigwam Early Childhood Education Center. Adult language and cultural classes have also been held. Since 2007, language classes have been offered through a series of sessions that are dedicated to teaching the language and cultural ways to adults and families. The classes are partially funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). They are being held at the newly-developed Language House and in the Language Department.

The Language Department has also been active in the Potawatomi Language Conferences held each year at Gathering. .



Vice Chairman honored for quality work in education

## Linda Capps enters GCTC Hall of Fame

In an event recognizing the quality of her contributions to education, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps has been inducted into the Gordon Cooper Technology Center Hall of Fame. Ms. Capps entered along with retired Masonry Trades instructor Rocky Williams of Chandler, Oklahoma in a ceremony on the Technology Center's Shawnee campus on Thursday, May 6.

The GCTC Hall of Fame is an effort to honor those who have given their time and talents to build and guide GCTC over the years. The GCTC Education Foundation established the Hall of Fame wall in the student commons area. "These honorees have inspired countless students and clients to discover their potential for learning and success in the workplace and life over the years. They both continue to make a positive difference for others and our local communities," Gordon Cooper Technology Center Superintendent Marty Lewis said.

### Linda Capps

Linda Capps has been a tireless worker and diligent advocate for Gordon Cooper Technology Center in all the professional positions she has held through the years.

Mrs. Capps served as a Title IV Indian Education director in this area in the 1970s, she worked as a bid assistance coordinator for GCTC during the 1980s and 90s and she has served as an administrator and elected official of Citizen Potawatomi Nation since the late 1980s.

Ms. Capps was born in Harrah and attended Harrah High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in business from USAO in 1975 and a master's degree in secondary education with vocational emphasis from USAO in 1986.

She worked as a business education teacher and served as yearbook and newspaper editor at Dover High School for the 1976-77 school year. She moved to Tecumseh with her husband, Roy in 1977 and went to work as the Title IV Indian Education Coordinator, secondary business instructor, and career education coordinator for Tecumseh High School from 1977 to 1983.

Ms. Capps worked as an instructor in the Kickapoo Vocational-Technical Program at Gordon Cooper Area Vocational-Technical



*At left, State Rep. Shane Jett (R-Tecumseh) presents Hall-of-Famer Linda Capps a proclamation naming May 6, 2010 "Linda Capps Day" in Oklahoma. At right, Vice Chairman Capps poses with fellow inductee Rocky Williams.*

School from 1983 to 1987. She assumed the role of bid assistance coordinator at Gordon Cooper from 1987 to 1998. In that capacity, she assisted more than 600 area businesses secure more than \$300,000,000 in government contracts.

Ms. Capps has been an elected official of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation since the late 1980s. She was elected Vice Chairman of CPN in 1989 and continues to serve in that capacity. She is also a tribal administrator, helping oversee hundreds of employees.

Her many civic activities include serving on the Gordon Cooper Technology Center Education Foundation board of directors. She has also served on the board of directors for: Absentee Shawnee Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce, First Oklahoma Bank, Oklahoma Indians for Opportunity and the Southwest Center for Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma. She also served on the president's advisory committee for St. Gregory's University.

### Rocky Williams

Veteran Masonry Trades instructor Rocky Williams helped prepare students for career success and modeled good character and citizenship for generations of area people. Williams started as Masonry Trades instructor on August 1, 1978. He retired two years ago from a career that spanned 30 years.

The Chandler resident left his mark all around the campus. He and his students learned as they built numerous campus im-



provements such as brick paver sidewalks, a beautiful fireplace in the commons area and many ceramic tile areas. The Masonry Program tackled many projects for partner schools such as baseball backstops and bleachers at Bethel High School, baseball backstop at McLoud High School, concession stand and other improvements at Strother School.

Williams was also a student at Gordon Cooper from August 1972 to May 1974. He was in the masonry class his junior and senior years at Chandler High School. He completed 115 hours of college credit at Seminole Junior College and Oklahoma State University.

He is now in the process of launching a new career as a bi-vocational Christian minister. He hopes to serve as pastor for a rural congregation that can't afford a full-time minister.

The 2009 GCTC Hall of Fame honorees were former GCTC Superintendent Beth Little and former school board member Bob Trousdale of Tecumseh, a CPN member. The previous year, long-time school board member James Hargrove of Prague and former GCTC assistant superintendent and veteran retired educator Glenn Coursey were selected. The original honorees were founding GCTC Board of Education President Bill Weaver and founding Superintendent Dr. John C. Bruton, both of Shawnee.

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers. The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.

For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

   
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# Language Department

## Maple Syrup-Making

Historically with the Potawatomi people, Zisbaktoge Gises (April) was maple syrup-making month. During this month, our people traditionally tapped maple trees for their sweet sap. The sap was used to make sugar candies and to sweeten our foods. It was one of the main seasonings our people used, along with various herbs and such.

In late March 2010, CPN member Michael Dykstra went up north to Forest County Potawatomi territory to film a maple syrup camp in process. It takes several days to see the entire process.

The time to tap the trees is kind of hard to determine. Usually it is in early April. However, this year they began tapping the trees in late March.

The first thing that is always done when we take something from the earth is that a prayer is offered, along with placing some sema or tobacco on the ground. We say our prayer to thank the creator, Mamogosnan, for this gift and to thank the spirit of that tree for helping our people.

Then, after the prayer has been done, it is time to start tapping the tree. The guys up north used a hand-drill which had been passed down in Billy Daniels' family for several generations. Billy's family used to tap trees when he was young, and they have begun again, perhaps 10 years ago.

The maple sugar camp was set up by the Forest County Potawatomi Culture Department,



ment, which includes Brian Franz and Billy Daniels. They also have several young men in the community who are quick to assist in the process.

After the tobacco has been laid down and the prayer said, they make a 45-degree hole in the tree so that the sap will run down. Then the tap is made with a spigot placed into the tree with a bucket attached. This

will catch the sap as it runs down.

It will take a day or two to fill the bucket. The trees will run very well when it is cold at night and then warm in the day. That is why this time of year is ideal for maple-syruping.

After the sap has collected in the buckets, it is strained to remove any leaves or bark from the sap. Then the long process of boiling the sap begins. This year, the Forest County Potawatomi tapped 200 trees. After three days or so, and three or four cords of wood, they had about five gallons of finished maple syrup.

This is a long and somewhat grueling process as the fire has to be kept going for several days as the sap boils. If you add too much wood it will boil out.

After it has boiled down, the guys taste the sap to determine if it is done. It tends to become a bit sticky. Then the hot sap is once again sifted to remove any leaves or bark that may have gotten into the sap.

At this point, they will take the sap straight to the canning process. The sap has to be canned while it is hot so as not to become infected with bacteria. So, after several days, you have the finished product.

We would like to thank the Culture Department of the Forest County Potawatomi

for allowing us to document this process. Sadly, it is not possible to do this down south because it doesn't get cold enough followed by a quick warm-up.

There is a story about how long ago Nanabozho or Wiske went looking for the Neshnabek people and couldn't find them in their fields or fishing. Finally he found them lying on their backs under the maple trees letting the sweet syrup run into their mouths. Nanabozho feared that the people were becoming lazy so he went to the river and got a bucket of water, then climbed to the top of the trees and poured it in.

After that, only a watered-down syrup would run out. Nanabozho told the people they were becoming lazy and would have to collect the sap and then boil it down in order to enjoy the sweetness.

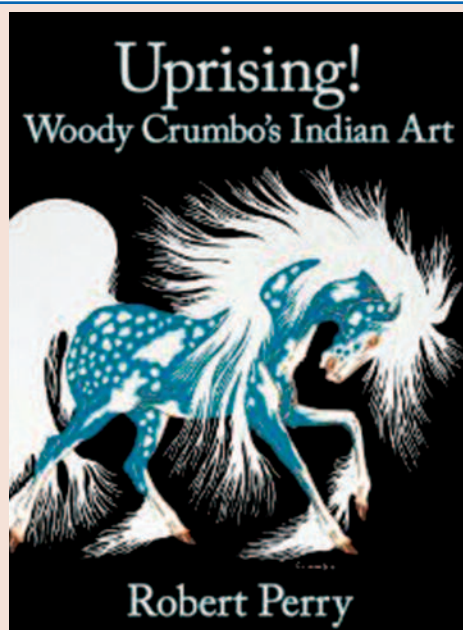


## BOOK-SIGNING Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art By Robert Perry

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Please vote for Mark Johnson for District #7

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John 'Rocky' Barrett, Tribal Chairman

## YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU

Due to privacy concerns, CPN legislators are not routinely given your street addresses. So, you as CPN citizens need to reach out to us!

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Upon verification, the member will be sent a certificate to present to the veterinarian for the surgery. The certificate must be used before the expiration date it bears. SPAR will make appointments with the veterinarian the member chooses.

No other services, aside from a rabies shot, will be covered. Pets need to be healthy and parasite-free when presented for surgery. Puppies and kittens need to be at least six months old at the time of surgery.

CPN members anywhere in the U.S. are eligible for this assistance.

## WE ENDORSE RANDE PAYNE FOR DISTRICT #6 LEGISLATOR

*Bozho*/Hello, Fellow CPN Citizens Living in Southern California,

Rande Payne has reached out to the sitting legislators and asked good questions about what he can anticipate if elected. That says to us that he is serious about his campaign, willing to work hard for his constituents, and interested in input from others.

The Legislature's ability to work toward common goals is critical.

We hope you will vote for Rande Payne for District #6 Legislator.

*Megwetch*/With our thanks,

**Roy Slavin - District #1 CPN Legislator  
Eva Marie Carney - District #2 CPN Legislator  
Dave Carney - District #8 CPN Legislator**

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